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LABOUR PARTY'S SURPRISE LEAD ON INDIA

Conference Defies Executive And Demands Jail Delivery

"Let Churchill Go To Delhi And Meet Leaders"

LONDON, December 15.

A big surprise was caused at the Labour Party Conference to-day when, in defiance of the executive who opposed it, delegates carried a resolution on India which called for the release of Indian political leaders to facilitate negotiations to end the deadlock.

A prospective candidate for the Sutton Division of Plymouth, Mrs Luch Middleton, said "the key to the Indian problem is in Downing Street and it Lies in the hands of one man alone. Mr Churchill can go to Quebec, Washington, Casablanca, Teheran and Moscow. If the Government are really in earnest with regard to India, why cannot Mr Winston Churchill go to Delhi as well and there meet the Indian leaders."

The Constructional Engineering Union put forward a resolution declaring that no time should be lost in resuming negotiations with the ultimate object of India being given a place in the British Commonwealth of Nations similar to that enjoyed by other partners.

When Professor Laski called upon Mr. James Walker, Member of Parliament to reply for the executive a delegate shouted "I protest against Mr. Walker being called up to speak on this. He is an unfit representative of the British working class."

Prof. Laski immediately jumped to his feet, and said, "you sit down and don't be insulting. The Executive is the body appropriate for choosing those whom it wishes to speak on its behalf."

"NO BASIS IN YOUR PROTEST"

The delegate again tried to protest, but Prof. Laski said "you have no basis in your protest except in your natural insolence to Mr Walker." When he rose to speak, Mr Walker said, "I am sorry there are some people in the hall who do not seem to like me very much. If they do not like me, because I have the habit of speaking in a forthright manner about some things, they come to the rostrum and talk about—well then will just have to put up with it. They ought to be able to take as well as give in our debates."

After Prof. Laski declared the resolution carried, there was an uproar for several minutes. One delegate shouted to Mr. Walker "put that in your pipe and smoke it." Mr Walker retorted "I can take all that comes to me and you can't."

This was the second time during the week that the conference had acted against the wishes of the Executive. On Thursday, despite an appeal from the platform for a resolution to be withdrawn, the conference carried a motion calling upon Labour to include in its election programme transfer to public ownership of land, large-scale building, heavy industry and all forms of banking transport, fuel and power.

CRIPPS' OFFER STANDS

Mr. Walker said that the Executive accepted the resolution of the constructional Engineering Union. They opposed our resolution because it carried the Conference much further than past declarations. In effect, it would mean we quitted India tomorrow. None of the Allied Nations including Russia would wish to quit India before the Japanese were defeated. Great Britain must carry out its duty to Indians as well as to the Burmese and defeat the Japanese in order to give India a chance for political self-government. The Cripps' offer had the backing of the Labour Ministers in the Government and it stood to-day. When an Indian political party formulated a Constitution, it would be carried out. The British Government would cease to have any governing authority in India and India would possess full and complete self-government.

NOT SUBSIDISED!

There had arisen another party in India—the Radical Democratic Party. A Radical Democratic Party, a working class party, stood for the same objects as the Labour Party—the lifting of standards of life of the working class of India. It was not subsidised by the Government of India. It wanted free self-government for India and was demanding an extension of franchise for every citizen in India so that a complete Democratic India could be evolved. These people were gaining strength all over India.

The Executive yields to no one in its determination to bring about self-government for India, but we do not believe that we shall be carrying out our duty to the Labour Movement in this country or to the people of India if we simply adopt the irresponsible attitude of washing our hands of the whole affair and leaving Indians to settle it themselves in the only way it would be settled when people feel so strongly."

THE RESOLUTION

The following is the text of the resolution:

"This Conference being of the opinion that granting of freedom to the people of India to establish an Independent Indian National Government will be a decisive factor in the fight against fascism and towards the unification of all anti-fascist forces, urges the immediate ending of the political deadlock by negotiation with all the leaders of the Indian people with a view to the formation of a responsible national government which will rally the entire population of India to the anti-fascist cause.

"With a view to facilitating the negotiations we call for the release of Indian political leaders."

"PLOT ON LABOUR MOVEMENT"

Mr. Charles Bridges moving the resolution said that India was like a great running sore in the side of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The executive sent a deputation to Mr. Amery and put their point of view and there the problem seemed to have been left. The Viceroy in his speech in Calcutta said that the Government of India had done everything they possibly could and the next move must come from the Indian side. How were negotiations to be conducted from the Indian side if the people who could put forward the Indian views were inside prison dungeons? If the resolution was carried, he expected to see the executive taking a much firmer line in the matter. Mr. Bridges added: "We can be a great nation. Our battleships can go from sea to sea and our armies from land to land. But as long as this poverty and destitution and this terrible situation exists in India, it is a blot on the whole community in this country and the labour movement. We must throw our energy into this fight. The Indian problem is as great a problem for the Labour movement as any great domestic problems which have been before the conference this week."

Member of Parliament for West Leyton, Mr. R Sorensen, said that we should release Indian political prisoners who for years without charge or trial had been languishing in custody.

THREE ACCUSED TO HANG

Life Sentence For 16 In Dhanapur Murder And Arson Case

BENARES, Dec 15.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge of Benares, announcing the judgment in the "Dhanapur murder, arson and loot case" today sentenced three persons to death, sixteen persons to transportation for life, 28 persons to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment, seven persons to seven years' R. I and one person to five years' R. I 15 accused were acquitted and two approvers were granted King's pardon.

An appeal on behalf of the three accused sentenced to death is to be presented to the High Court within a week.—A. P.

GRIEVANCES OF TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES

Demand For Publication Of Adjudicator's Award

Mr. Abid Ali Jaferbhai, President, B.E.S.T. Workers' Union, writes:

It is now more than nine months that the employees of the B.E.S.T. have submitted their demands for increment in the dearness allowance, etc., but the matter is still pending.

Mr. Justice Wassoodeo, who was first appointed as an adjudicator, was relieved by Mr. E. M. Nanavati. The latter completed the enquiry in September 1944. His award has not been published as yet.

The cost of living has gone so high that it has become impossible for the workers to maintain themselves within the meagre salary which is paid to them. All their resources for borrowing have also been exhausted. Moreover because of increased traffic the employees have to do very hard work and over and above this the harshness in the treatment and the victimisation are adding to their miseries.

Their suffering and patience has come to its farthest limit. This was exhibited at the mammoth meeting of the workers held last night. It was attended by more than 3,000 workers, who have now joined this Union by dissolving all the other Unions. About 25 workers addressed this meeting and everyone of them advocated resorting to strike by not going to work on and after Tuesday the 19th instant if the Award of the Adjudicator is not published before that and if their other grievances are not redressed.

It is hoped that the Government will realise the seriousness of the situation and will make the award available to the workers immediately and avoid the extreme step which the workers feel compelled to take.

A.-I. EDITORS' CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi has been unanimously elected to preside over the ensuing session of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference to be held on January 27 and 28 at Calcutta.—United Press.

GANDHIJI BACK IN SEWAGRAM

WARDHA, Dec. 15.

Mahatma Gandhi returned to Sewagram to-day after a four days' stay in Wardha.

He seemed to be benefited by his visit to Wardha which afforded him entertainment and also an opportunity to see the work of various national institutions.—A. P.

BUTHIDAUNG CLEARED

KANDY Dec. 15.

The following is text of today's S. E. A. C.

Arakan: Advanced elements of our troops have cleared Buthidaung and a village two miles to the south. West of the Mayu range we have advanced to positions 14 miles south-east of Maungdaw.

All the territory to the west of the Kalapanzin which was vacated by our troops before the monsoon has now been re-occupied.

Chindwin Front: Troops of the 11th East African Division have captured Shwegyin and are pushing up the Shwegyin-Yeu Road to a village two miles north of Shwegyin.

PEACE RUMOURS IN GREEK CAPITAL

LONDON, Dec. 15 There are strong rumours of peace, circulating in Athens, but they appear to have no solid foundation and official quarters disclaim knowledge of peace moves.

One such report was that the Metropolitan Archbishop of Athens might act as a mediator. Another was that the E.A.M. was willing to accept General Scobie's terms.

Fighting again flared up in the capital on Thursday afternoon, with the British forces strengthening the defences of their perimeter. Fighting continues at Piraeus. Supplies for the British troops are coming by sea and air and strong reinforcements have arrived.

A B.B.C. correspondent broadcasting from Athens to-day said that British reinforcements had now arrived on a big scale by land and sea. They included tanks and artillery. He added: "Military experts think that these reinforcements will enable the British to go over to the offensive in the very near future and the battle of Athens will be decided a good deal sooner than originally expected. Strong British action is likely."

The B.B.C. correspondent said that according to the ELAS radio General Sarafis, military leader of the ELAS guerillas, has sent a message to General Scobie, the British Commander-in-Chief, but this is not confirmed in British circles.

ALLIES NEARING KARLSRUHE

LONDON, Dec. 15: Here are the latest reports from Reuter correspondents on the Western Front today:

With U. S. Seventh Army: Racing round the eastern and western sides of the Haguenau forest, the Seventh Army has joined up in the north to form an arrow-head thrust at Wissembourg which guards the gap leading to the cities of Ludwigshaven and Mannheim 45 miles to the north.

Yesterday's surge brought the Seventh Army within nine miles of Karlsruhe despite artillery and armour of the German defences.

WITH U. S FIRST ARMY: American forces reduced the last strongpoint east of the Roer and north of Duren when Mullanck castle was stormed and seized last night. Other forces outside Duren beat off two German tank attacks aimed at villages of Birgel and Gurzenich.

"PERSONAL GRANT TO M. N. ROY"

Mehta Says, He Will Unfold Whole Episode Next March

NEW DELHI Dec. 15

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, M.L.A (Central), former President of the Indian Federation of Labour, in a rejoinder to Mr. M. N. Roy's recent statement giving his version of the controversy about his 13,000 received per month from Government by the Federation, says that he is going to bring the matter before the Central Assembly during the next budget session.

"The so-called grant to the Federation is really a personal grant to Mr. M. N. Roy," says Mr Mehta.

Further he says that he has got the official correspondence on the subject and he will unfold the whole episode next March when I will be seen that "the name of the Federation was used behind the back and over the head and without the knowledge either of its President or its Executive Council and Rs 13,000 per month was obtained by Mr. M. N. Roy himself to be used as he liked."—United Press.

NO FEAR OF VOTE OF CENSURE.

Mr. Mehta concludes: "Mr. Roy insinuates that I resigned the presidentship of the Indian Federation of Labour out of fear of some vote of censure by his countryfied supporters. That is not so. It will interest Mr. Roy to know that since the acceptance of my present office, as Government of India's agent to the Burma Government, I have resigned the presidentship of all Labour organisations with which I was connected. As regards the censure against me, I would request Mr. Roy not to drop that beautiful idea. He has an opportunity of getting the censure motion moved at the end of this month when the Indian Federation of Labour which is now only another name for the Radical Democratic Party) meets at Jamshedpur. I hereby send my support to the Censure motion in advance as I really deserve to be censured for having, however unconsciously, associated with an organisation where public funds (the figure already comes to over four lakhs of rupees and is mounting everyday by nearly Rs 500) are obtained in the name of that organisation and spent at the discretion of the Secretary keeping the president and the executive Committee in the dark all the time and sedulously concealing that fact from them until Diwan Lalchand's question in the Assembly made it impossible to conceal any longer. I shall say nothing more until the budget sessions of the Assembly. Until then the field is open to Mr. Roy and his supporters."—A. P

War Risks Insurance Premium Rate Reduced

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15.

The Central Government have decided that, says a Press 'communique", the rate of premium payable under any policy issued under the War Risks (Goods) Insurance scheme, in respect of goods liable to compulsory insurance shall be reduced from one anna and three pies per month or part of a month for each complete sum of Rs. 100 in the present quarter to one anna for the quarter ending March, 1945.—A. P.

POLISH FRONTIER HURDLE FOR ALLIES

Churchill Suggests Another Three-Power Meeting

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Mr. Churchill opening a debate on Poland in the Commons today said that when the former Polish Prime Minister M. Mikolajczyk left Moscow "my hope was that he would return within a week or so with the authority of the Polish Government in London to agree about the Polish frontier on the basis of the Curzon Line and its proclamation to southward called Curzon Line 'A'.

Had M Mikolajczyk returned with the assent of his colleagues Mr. Churchill believed, the difficulties in the formation of Polish Government in harmony with the Lublin Committee might have been overcome. "In that case he would be at this moment at the head of the Polish Government on Polish soil recognised by all the United Nations."

M. Mikolajczyk was also assured the friendship and friendly help of Marshal Stalin. Mr Churchill was sure that he and his colleagues were more qualified to fill the place of the late General Sikorski than any other of the Polish leaders. If M Mikolajczyk could be returned swiftly to Moscow, an agreement on the frontier line might have been found and Poland might now have taken her place in the ranks of the nations contending against Germany with the full support and friendship of Russia.

"Now when new tracts of Poland are freed from the Germans the authority of the Lublin Committee and the areas it administers will grow and its contacts with the Soviet Government will become more enduring and strong."

Saying it was a source of grief to him that all these forces could not be joined together more speedily against the common foe, Mr Churchill declared: "I cannot accept the view that the arrangements proposed about the frontiers of new Poland are not solid and satisfactory."

If those areas round Lvov and the surrounding regions to the south known as Curzon Line 'A' were joined to the Ukraine, Poland would gain in the north the whole of East Prussia west and south of the fortress of Koenigsberg including the Great Port of Danzig. Instead of the threatening and artificial corridor which was built so laboriously after the last war Poland would stretch freely along the Baltic on a front of over 200 miles.

"I cannot believe such an offer could be rejected by Poland. It would, of course, have to be accompanied by disentanglement of populations in the west and north and transfer of several millions of people from the east to the west and north and total expulsion of the Germans."

US ATTITUDE

Mr Churchill said that he found great difficulty in discussing these matters because the attitude of the United States had not been defined with the precision the British Government had thought wise to use. No doubt, when the time came, the United States would make its own announcement upon these matters bearing in mind the effect which failure on the part of the three greatest Powers to work together would damage all hopes for the future structure of world government.

Mr Churchill said that he was absolutely convinced that it was in Poland's interest to reach an agreement with the Soviet about the eastern frontiers before the Russian enter the main part of Poland.

Mr Churchill suggested another meeting of the three Great Powers at the earliest moment preferably in Britain.—Reuter

Jaws Of Red Armu Pincers Closing In On Budapest

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The jaws of the Red Army pincers are closing in on Budapest and observers in Moscow consider that the city may now fall 'soon.' The Germans have slowed the Red Army's onslaught mainly by pouring in reinforcements and by savage and costly counter-attacks: but these stop-gap tactics are approaching their limit.

The Russians' Fourth Ukrainian Army which struck down into Slovakia from the east and is operating about 25 miles from Kosice has captured a number of towns in fresh advances including Szerencs, 24 miles south of the Frontier on the main Railway to Kosice reports last night's Soviet 'communique.'

In another sector, the Red Army is within nine miles of the Slovakian border.

Sind Governor's Visit To Shark Oil Factories

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Oct. 12.

Sir Hugh Dow, Governor of Sind, paid a visit to the two Shark Liver Oil Factories on Monday namely, the one run by the Sind Industrial and Pharmaceutical Co, and the Canico Factory.

The Sind Industrial and Pharmaceutical Co. has with the aid of the Sind Government placed on the market shark liver oil under the trade name of "Sipcol" which contains Vitamin A and D.

Canadian Army medical personnel are on their way to India to study the nutritional problems of the men who are fighting the Japanese, says a Cairo message.

Jinnah 'Cannot Recognise Non-Party Conference'

League Leader Refuses To Meet Sapru Committee

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President, All India Muslim League, has expressed his inability to meet the Sapru Conciliation Committee.

Mr. Jinnah makes this clear in the correspondence between him and Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru which is published today.

Sir Tej Bahadur wrote to Mr Jinnah on December 10 a letter in the course of which he said:—

"The main function of the Conciliation Committee is exploratory. It will endeavour by personal contacts and otherwise to ascertain the views of the main political parties in regard to the basis of the future constitution of India. It will study carefully the full implications of the proposals of the Muslim League in regard to Pakistan as well as the full import of the proposals made by Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. C Rajagopalachari during the recent Gandhi-Jinnah talks. It will study with no less care the demand of the Hindu Mahasabha, of the Sikhs of the Scheduled classes and other important bodies. The Committee hopes that by a thorough and unbiased examination of these conflicting views it may find it possible to make concrete suggestions which may pave the way for a solution of the present controversies.

"I am therefore, earnestly approaching you on behalf of the Committee and on my own behalf to enquire if you will kindly allow me and one or two other members of the Committee to see you in order to obtain clarification on the practical aspects of the problem. I shall therefore, be much obliged if you would kindly fix two alternative dates that may suit you and also let me know the place where we can meet you.

JINNAH'S REPLY.

In a reply dated December 14, Mr. Jinnah said:—

"I regret to say that I cannot recognise the Non-Party Conference or its Standing Committee, and as follows, therefore, that I cannot recognise the Committee recently appointed by the Standing Committee of the Non-Party Conference for the purpose and the manner in which you propose to proceed and deal with the present political situation. My views about your Non-Party Conference are already well-known to you and the public.

In these circumstances, I am unable to comply with the request contained in your letter.

NO DISCOURTESY.

"However, I hope that you will understand that I do not mean any discourtesy to you personally, and that had you desired to meet me otherwise than on behalf of the Non-Party Conference or the Committee referred to in your letter I would have been glad to see you".

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Tokyo Vicinity Raided Again

LONDON, Dec. 15.

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Sholapur Mill Makes A Profit Of 64 Lacs

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"An appreciation of the measures adopted by the Government to check black-market in textiles was voiced by Mr. C. H. Bhabha, Chairman of the Sholapoor Spinning and Weaving Company Limited, at the annual general meeting of the Company held on Friday evening.

Mr. Bhabha said: "I feel it my duty to refer, before the commencement of these proceedings, to the sad demise of Mr. T. R. N. Cama one of our oldest directors. He was associated with the Company as a Director for the last 25 years and had taken a lively interest in its affairs during this very long period. The loss of Mr. Cama's advice based on his vast experience and his kindly personality and tact will be greatly felt by his colleagues on the Board.

During the year under review, the textile industry in India passed through a strenuous time. With a view to control yarn and cloth prices which were soaring to dizzy heights, the Government inaugurated a series of control measures in the interest of the consumers. The chief feature of these measures was to exercise a control over the distribution and the price of textile goods in consultation with the Textile Control Board. The Government's anxiety to look after the consumers' interest is to be highly appreciated and the adoption of these measures is an evidence of that anxiety. The question, however, remains, whether these haphazard measures have been successful in eradicating the disease. The answer is in the negative as has been admitted by even some of the controlling authorities.

It is significant that they have recently admitted that Black-Markets during the last two months have assumed proportions which will not be tolerated. But, what is worse is that Government intervention has broken longstanding trade links and good-will built up through decades of expert experience and those engaged in the industry very naturally are concerned about the far-reaching deleterious results of these measures on the future working of the textile industry in India. It is, indeed, therefore gratifying to learn that Government propose to allow distribution through the ordinary channels of trade, subject to certain healthy safeguards. All that may be said at present is that all concerned, namely, the manufacturers, the distributors and the consumers will whole-heartedly co-operate with the Government in their efforts to smash the Black-Markets.

COAL POOL SYSTEM

The Management had by no means an easy time—particularly during the last two years. The Government Control Order was introduced in August of last year and there was subsequently a welcome fall in prices. Drastic regulations were imposed and stamping of piecegoods and yarn was resorted to. Moreover, there were transportation difficulties owing to wagon shortage and delay in the issue of priorities for civilian requirements. The same reason was also responsible for difficulties of cotton, coal, and particularly stores supply to the mills at Sholapur. As a result of the coal position becoming acute all the mills at Sholapur had to close down jointly for a short time. Several discussions for a solution of this issue were held and the result was the formation of Coal Pool system at Sholapur which has, with all its limitations, so far worked smoothly and satisfactorily."

"An analysis of the balance-sheet reveals very sound position. The liquid assets of the Company stand at gigantic figure of 2.88 crores. It may be pointed out further that the loans from Banks were at the time of the date of the accounts of a purely temporary nature which have since been paid off. The expenses during the current year under particular items no doubt show a fairly large increase and the explanation for the same is none too far to seek."

"I feel sure you will like me to say a few words about the taxation policy of the Government. Recent trend of taxation leaves people in pursuit of industry and enterprise to feel that the official disposition towards them is that of treating them as tax gatherers and tax collecting agents. Let me say bluntly that the age-old-enthusiasm of trying to secure maximum gains has to an extent damped down and given place to lethargy. The new taxation policy inaugurated with the last budget proposal is, of course, intended to immobilise further sums of money upto 100 per cent of Excess Profits and you will understand, therefore, that the 6-2/3 per cent of excess profits which was available under 1943 Ordinance is now not available for distribution as dividend. Out of the total profits of the year ending 31st March, 1944, amounting to Rs. 64 lacs it has been found necessary to set aside for taxation a sum not less than 50 lacs of rupees leaving a paltry balance of Rs. 14 lacs for appropriations towards depreciation and distribution as dividend."

"As for the future at this stage, he would be a bold prophet who could express any definite views. One thing appears clear and that demand for Indian cotton goods both in the home market as well as abroad is likely to continue for sometime after the termination of hostilities. But, this also envisages reasonable level of price for textile goods in future. For this aim your Company has drawn up a moderate post-war scheme for the purchase of certain up-to-date and efficient machinery which can without much expenses or labour be fitted in our existing buildings. An extension programme for our power plant, too, has been chalked out so as to enable us to run all our machinery on electricity besides providing for extension of our city supply."

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LONDON, Dec. 14.

Writing editorially today the "Daily Mirror" says:

"Gradually the veil lifts on the strange, tangled tragic state of affairs in many parts of Europe. In Italy Count Sforza speaks out. He makes no bones about asserting that in October 1943, Mr. Churchill put strong pressure on him to accept Victor Emmanuel who had been the tool and puppet of Mussolini.

"From America comes the astounding news that Hearst newspapers, hitherto bitterly hostile to Great Britain, have suddenly changed their policy. They strongly approve of the Prime Minister's attitude and declare that he is heroically fighting "the cunning and ruthless conspiracy to Bolshevise Europe."

"In Spain the general situation is confused, but one thing is clear. General Franco who seems to realise that his number is up has one last hope of preserving the essentials of his oppressive regime. He plans for the restoration of monarchy and calculates that Great Britain with her love of thrones' will support this trick to secure change of form without change of substance.

HOW OTHERS VIEW US

"Thus we see that in the Greek storm cloud gathering, of which everyone deplores, can be detected a silver lining. As it casts a shadow over Athens it throws light in other quarters of Europe on things which have for so long perplexed and perturbed the ordinary observer. We begin to know where we stand. We realise that outside this country and especially in America, the opinion prevails that our Government is supporting reactionary policies.

"The Greek tragedy goes on. Field Marshal Alexander deserves deep commiseration for the part he is now called on to play in it. Once more he has to "hold the baby", a task which has dogged him throughout this war."

"But really amazing is the fact that the Government proud, apparently of this Grecian venture, thinks it worth the while to have pictures telegraphed from Greece showing British soldiers using tanks against our allies."—United Press.

LET MEN OVER 45 FIGHT FUTURE WARS

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Dr. Ernest Hooton, eminent American anthropologist, wants men over 45 to fight all future wars. He says: "We might as well have our coronary thrombosis on the battlefield as on the golf course. If a man of fifty falls in battle, the country has lost only one-sixth of a life and not the best sixth. It has lost nothing from the standpoint of biological survival and not much from economic standpoint."

Their wives, says Dr Hooton, who is now 57, could be nurses or auxiliaries.—U. P.

Fighter To Travel At Sound Speed

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The early development of 700 m.p.h. fighter aircraft—almost the speed of sound was confidently forecast to-day by Rear Admiral D. C. Ramsey, Chief of the United States Bureau of Aeronautics, in a report on navel and aviation development.

Experimental fighter aeroplanes now being developed include unconventional arrangements of advanced designs such as the employment of jet propulsion, according to the report.—U. P.

TROOPS IN INDIA TO HAVE MORE CONCERT PARTIES AND FILMS

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Recommendations made by Lord Munster to Mr. Churchill for vastly improved welfare arrangements for troops in India and Burma are to be followed by immediate action, it is reported today.

The Prime Minister is to tell the Commons next week what is being done to extend welfare facilities.

According to the 'Daily Express' more concert parties, films, games and beer will go to India immediately.

Kerosene Rationing in Bombay Suburbs

NO RATION CARD— NO KEROSENE AFTER JANUARY 1.

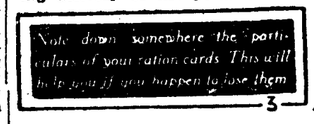
NOBODY IN THE BOMBAY SUBURBAN DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO GET KEROSENE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1945 UNLESS HE POSSESSES A KEROSENE RATION CARD OR PERMIT.

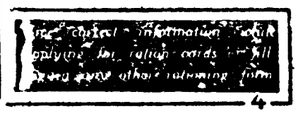
Kerosene which is already available on ration cards for lighting purposes in the district, will be, from that date, issued for non-lighting purposes also only against ration cards.

Apply immediately in N form for kerosene card for non-lighting purposes at your local Rationing Office. Produce all the foodgrains ration cards in your family both at the time of applying and at the time of taking delivery of the ration cards.

Those staying in dark tenements but have not yet obtained kerosene ration cards for lighting purposes should apply in M form.

Owners of business premises and establishments should apply in M-I forms for kerosene permits for lighting purposes (if their premises are not electrified) and N-I forms for kerosene permits for non-lighting purposes (only in the case of establishments). The foodgrains ration and/or sugar permit and the authorisation should be produced both at the time of applying and at the time of taking delivery of the permits.





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Parsi: Tir 14, 1314.
Sunrise: 8-5 a.m. Sunset: 7-5 p.m.
Higatide: 1-31, 13-12.
Lowtide: 7-32, 19-16.

To-day's Engagements

V. J. T. I.: Annual Sports, 2 p.m., at Institute Grounds. Seth Ratanchand Hirachand will preside and Mrs. Vimalabai Ratanchand will distribute prizes.

KRISHNA GANA SABHA: Bharata Natyam and Abinayam by Kumari Sulochana, on Monday, at 8-30 p.m., at the Khalsa College Hall.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Dr. L. Kamesvara Sarma on 'Hygienic Truth and Ancient Wisdom', at 5-30 p.m.

BHAGINI SAMAJ SEVA MANDIR: Annual gathering 5 p.m., at Seva Mandir, B. I. T. Chawls near Byculla P. O., Bellasis Road. Mr. N. T. Master, Mayor will preside.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: A Public meeting will be held at Dharavi to-day (Saturday), at 7 p.m. Mr. Lal Din Asi Nizami and Mr. B. R. Kadrekar will speak on "Spend less and save more" campaign. Mr. S. B. Desai will preside.

PATHARE PRABHU SOCIAL SAMAJ: Prof. G. D. Parikh, will speak on "Post War Planning", to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.), in the N. D.Prabhu Seminary Hall, Bhai Jivanji Lane Thakurdwar, Bombay.

BOMBAY KERALEYA SAMAJ: 'Vikata Yogi' a Malayalam comedy in aid of the Free Reading Room and Library, at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel, 4-45 p.m.

"RAHBAR" MOHARRUM SERIES: Begum Rehman's inaugural speech 5-30 p.m. and Mr. S. S. Desnavi on "Technical Education", at 6-30 p.m., at Municipal Marathi Central School, near Ncor Baug, opposite Derby Talkies.

MAHAVIRA JAINA VIDYALAYA: Sjt. Motichand G Kapadia's third lecture on "Karma Sidhanta Series" at 8 30 p.m. (S. T.), in the Lecture Hall of Shri Mahavira Jaina Vidyalaya, Gowalia Tank Road.

FRIENDS OF SOVIET UNION: The 7th lecture of the series "Soviet Union and the World" will be held at 6-30 p.m., at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall when Mr. N. K. Krishnan will speak on "Nazi Vandalism".

MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS SPORTS CERTIFICATES: The annual Sports Certificate distribution function of the Municipal schools, at 3-51 p.m. (B. T.), under the presidentship of Mr. U. M. Mirchandani, Municipal Commissioner at the Damodar Hall Playground, Pobavdi, Parel.

DEPRESSED CLASS STUDENTS' HOSTEL: A benefit performance of the Marathi play "Mazi Jamin" will be held to-morrow (Sunday), at 9-30 a.m. in the Damodar Thakarsey Hall, Parel, in aid of the Depressed Class Students' Hostel, Chiplun. Sir Jehangir Boman-Behram will preside.

SRI GURU SINGH SABHA: An emergent general meeting of the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Bombay will be held to-day (Saturday), at 7-0 p.m. (S. T.), in the Gurdwara, Frere Road, to consider the situation arising out of Police warning regarding Guru-Ka-Langar arrangements on the Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji on 21st and 22nd instant.

B. P. HINDU STUDENTS' FEDERATION: The second conference of the Federation to-day and to-morrow 17th instant, at Marwadi Vidyalaya Grounds under the presidentship of Dr. B. S. Moonje. Sjt. G. V. Ketkar, Editor "Maratta" will inaugurate the conference and Mrs. Jankibai Joshi, the president of the All-Hindu Mahila Sabha will unfurl the Hindu National Flag.

EXERCISE OF R. A. F. BOMBERS: The exercise of the R. A. F. heavy bombers, which was announced to be carried out in the vicinity of Bombay to-day (Saturday), has been postponed to Monday, December 18.

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SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S RACES

Odds On Greatly Fancied In Idar Gold Cup

(By Our Racing Correspondent.)

Tomorrow's card covers double attraction, the Idar Gold Cup and the C. N Wadia Gold Cup The Kashmir-owned Odds On is greatly fancied in the former race while the famous Bagheva is considered a good thing for the Wadia Gold Cup.

The following are my selections:—
1st Race: 1 Princess Chitra, 2 Lakshmi, 3 Beacon.
2nd Race: 1 Burhan II, 2 Waldye 3 Flower Of Calcutta.
3rd Race: 1 Neelam, 2 Prince Buland, 3 Gold Mohur.
4th Race: 1 Brother Scribe, 2 Mohalebbi 3 Rath.
5th Race: 1 Vienna, 2 Amir Al Khail, 3 Prince Faisal.
6th Race: 1 Odds On, 2 King's Jester, 3 What Again.
7th Race: 1 Baqlava, 2 Usk, 3 Gay Spaniard.
8th Race: 1 Lord Wavell, 2 Sh. Lady, 3 Intidhar Al Shabab.
9th Race: 1 Peshawar Express, 2 Manjiri Delight, 3 Shakuntala.

DARK FLUKES: Sun-bathing and Easter Monday.

ADULT EDUCATION: Dr. Talpade on 'Wealth in Waste' in the Royal Institute of Science, Ground Floor, 4 p.m.

INSTITUTO LUSO-INDIANO, DABUL: At 6 p.m. (N. S. T.), lecture on "Character and Comedy" by Prof. T. Aguiar, Prof. J. C. P. d'Andrade presiding.

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY: Laxmibai Kelkar's music, Kumari Damayanti Joshi's dances at Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, to-day (Saturday), 10 p.m.

ALEXANDRA GIRLS' ENGLISH INSTITUTION: Annual distribution of prizes, at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.), at the Sunderbai Hall. Mr I. H. Taunton, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, will preside and distribute the prizes.

NEW ERA SCHOOL: Parents' Week from to-day Saturday to wednesday, the (20th instant). The parents are requested to see the Exhibition, where they will find the children's work, teaching aids, school magazines, children's hobbies, hand-work, craft-work, etc. There will also be an Exhibition of 'Child Art'.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT: Public debate on "Fast as a means for the achievement of Political ends is morally unjustified" in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, at 6-15 p.m. Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hasan, M. L. A., will preside. Messrs. M. D. Japhet, Adam Adil and B. N. Ankleseria will speak.

KONKAN EDUCATION SOCIETY: The Silver Jubilee of the Konkan Education Society will be celebrated at Roha (Dist. Kolaba) from Dec. 16 to Dec. 18. The principal function of the celebrations will be held on Dec. 18, at 5-30 p.m., when Dr. Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Vice Principal of the Benares Hindu University will preside.

MASS SPINNING: Under the joint auspices of Tardeo Taluka Congress Samitee and Khetwadi Taluka Congress Samitee there will be Mass Spinning to-morrow (Sunday), between 8-30 and 9-30 a.m. (N. S. T.), at Shri Ram Nivas, Frere Bridge Low Level, Grant Road. All Congress workers are requested to be present with Charkhas and slivers.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES: Religious discourses by Swami Sambuddhanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission, Khar Road, to-day, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescot Road, Fort, in English on Vedanta Philosophy (Brahma Sutra); to-morrow (Sunday), at 10 a.m. (S. T.), at Mission Library Hall, Khar Road, in English on Bhagawat Geeta and at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.), at Mission Library Hall, Khar Road, in English on teachings of B. Shree Ramakrishna Paramahamsa.

FREE EXHIBITION OF HEALTH EDUCATION and entertainment Cinema films at Gilder Tank near Grant Road, at 8 p.m., (N. S. T.).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY: 6 p.m., in the compound of the M. A. High School, Andheri, Sir Mathuradas Vissanji, will preside.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY: Under the auspices of the Saraoda Mandir High School for Girls, celebrations a Swastik League playground, 5 p.m Principal T. A. Kulkarni will preside.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY of Robert Money School; The D. G. T. High School; The Union High School and the Ram Mohan English School in the Robert Money School compound Mass demonstration, at 6 p.m. The Swastik League Band will be in attendance.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY: Over 6,000 boys and girls of eight of the local High Schools conducted by the General Education Institute, Dadar, and the Indian Education Society, Dadar, will give a mammoth mass demonstration of physical activities to celebrate the Physical Education Day at 5 p.m. (New S. T.), on the Shivaji Park Grounds. Dr. K. S. Bhaskar will preside.

TRINITY MUTUAL HEALTH CLINIC: Will be open for public for free consultation between 4 and 6 p.m., to-day and to-morrow. (Orient High School, Girgaon). The Clinic is equipped with a library and reading room which is free to the public.

MILK-FOR-INFANTS SCHEME EXTENDED.

The Government of Bombay has decided to extend the present subsidised milk-for-infants scheme in Bombay City to children below six years. Expectant and nursing mothers will also be eligible to take advantage of the scheme from the 4th month of pregnancy until 2 months after delivery.

The date from which the actual supply of milk under the extended scheme will commence will be announced later.

Full Quota Of Sort One Rice

A press note issued by the Supply Commissioner, Bombay, says that the Government has issued orders removing the present restriction on the issue of Sort I rice to half the rice ration from Sunday, December 17. Ration card holders in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District may from that date obtain the full rice ration in Sort I rice.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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SATURDAY, Dec. 16.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 15: The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at nine hours L. M. T. on 12/12/44:

Allahabad 79 49 0, BOMBAY 94 74 0,
Calcutta 86 61 0, Cawnpore 78 46 0,
Cuttack 86 61 0, Darjeeling 57 40 0.
Delhi 73 41 0, Dehra Dun 73 46 0.
Jacobabad 76 44 0, Karachi 78 62 0,
Lahore 66 42 0, Lucknow 81 49 0,
Madras 81 74 2.7, Nagpur 85 58 0,
Patna 80 55 0, Peshawar 65 41 0,
Shillong 66 41 0, Simla 54 40 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A good heart is the sun and the moon; or rather the sun, and not the moon; for it shines bright and never changes but keeps its course truly.
—William Shakespeare.

The Bombay Chronicle

VICEROY ON ECONOMIC POLICY

In his address to the Associated Chambers of Commerce at Calcutta on Thursday, Lord Wavell indulged in, among other things, a rapid review of several economic problems now facing the country including post-war planning. Both on the questions of anti-inflationary measures and food control schemes he seemed to take a complacent attitude. He is led to believe that the anti-inflationary measures of the Government of India have met with a great measure of success. Apart from the experience of most people regarding the difficulty of obtaining ordinary commodities at controlled rates, one has merely to refer to the strict warnings and severe measures threatened by the Textile Control in Bombay recently as evidence to show that even such a highly organised control as cloth control in which the industry is co-operating, is far from successful. No wonder if most other controls whose organisation is loose exist more on paper than in actual operation. Similarly, the Viceroy may suggest to the Associated Chambers that the Food Member deserves a boquet and not merely a button-hole which was really offered in appreciation of his work. No one denies that Sir J. P. Srivastava is doing his best according to his lights, but it does not require any statistical proof to substantiate the fact known to everyone that the food situation, either on the side of production or on that of distribution, is far from satisfactory. More heroic measures than those already taken will have to be adopted before this problem can be solved, and among these the co-operation of the people must be given an important place, because unless the people are made to understand the nature of control and to feel that it is in their interests, by wise and sympathetic administration in which they have confidence, instead of harassment and corruption the present muddle may go worse. And let it be remembered that so long as what the Viceroy calls 'an increased flow of financial irrigation' or inflation continues, these measures will have increasing difficulties to face. It is some comfort to be told that a comprehensive programme to improve the capacity of railways is in hand, but the inference that the fact of a large increase in the number of passengers in spite of the existing difficulties, "shows that the conditions do not deter passengers" is fallacious because the passengers have no other alternative than to suffer the risks, dangers and inconveniences of present day railway travel.

Dealing with post-war planning Lord Wavell referred to the importance given to industrialisation, but emphasised that it should not be secured at the expense of agriculture. He stressed the need to assure the farmer reasonable prices for his produce, which will improve his standard of living and encourage him to produce the additional food required for the growing population. While these platitudes are good so far as they go, one may hesitate to accept the qualifications suggested by the Viceroy. His derision of the spinning wheel does not do credit to his understanding of the Charkha economics, because not even Mahatma Gandhi has suggested that all of us should go back to the spinning wheel. His caution, on the other hand, regarding the price to be paid in human health and life for too hasty or too speedy industrialisation would be welcome as a piece of humanitarianism, but would be dangerous if it is intended to mar the progress of industries in the country. Regarding post-war planning proper, he was right in pointing out that there were several plans, some already published, others being made, on different aspects of economic life and for different regions but that what was necessary was to make a long-term blue-print for Indian progress out of all these. One may also agree with him as regards the need for training technicians and experts in various branches without waiting for the blue-print. We only hope no time will be lost in organising such training and that the governing consideration in this will be the interests of the country and not sectional or vested interests.

For the first time we find that some authoritative though vague indication has been given about the treatment of sterling balances. The points which the Viceroy made were that these debts would be honoured, that much discussion and negotiation would be required to settle the method of payment, that in the negotiations the value and magnitude of India's contribution to the Allied war effort would be recognised and that the manner of liquidation would be arranged to meet our planned development. India's contribution to the allied war effort has not been recognised fully so far and we are not sure if such recognition will come when these negotiations take place, but we would certainly like to see that these points are accepted in the proper spirit by the British Government without delay and that in the actual conduct of the negotiations, emphasis is laid on the interests of India alone. We say this deliberately because it is not uncommon to find that good words are not followed by good deeds in the relations between England and India, and if the Viceroy wants the people of India to have confidence in his 'faith cure,' here is an opportunity for him to act.

Generalissimo's Assurance

Progressively Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek is belying the criticisms that recently were heaped upon him with such freedom and lavishness and confirming the wisdom of President Roosevelt in the spirit of accommodation that he has shown. The success of what may be called the new Sino-American policy has already borne many valuable fruits, both military and political. The Jap threat to Kunming and Chungking has been averted at least for the present. The changes effected in the National Government, too, have had their effect. They have produced some concrete developments which have revived reasonable hopes of a settlement of the Kuomintang-Communist feud.

These hopes are further strengthened by the interview which the Generalissimo has given to a representative of the British "News Chronicle." It is an important statement not only because of what has been said but also because it is the first statement made to a foreign correspondent for two years. In it the Generalissimo gives the assurance that "Government is trying to seek a solution of the Communist problem with the greatest patience. The situation has improved." This good news is particularly welcome coming as it does from the Generalissimo himself. Much of the internal trouble in China arises out of the lack of democratic spirit and practice in the Kuomintang to the extent that a good many friends of China have wondered with anxiety whether the National Government believed in Democracy. The Generalissimo has sought to remove that anxiety. China needs rapid and extensive democratisation of its Government and institutions and we are glad of the Generalissimo's assurance that the Kuomintang does not believe that "true democracy might endanger the security of the nation." In fact it is the exclusive means of strengthening that security and the sooner true democracy is realised the better.

The Generalissimo had something to say about Allied assistance to China, too. He said it in his characteristically courteous way. But that should be no reason for China's Allies to miss the main operative part of his statement, which is this: "The urgent needs of China show that there is a big gap between actual demand and supply."

Frankly Speaking

A New Move

The probability of a new move is promised in a Reuter's despatch in the attempt to solve the Russo-Polish deadlock. It deserves to succeed, too. Four Ministers from inside Poland, who were members of the Mickolajczyk Government and have been included in the Arciszewski Cabinet, have sent word that they are preparing a plan for the solution of the conflict and will presently forward it to London. M. Arciszewski is awaiting it on the wise and sensible ground that initiative from inside Poland would be more valuable than one from London. The four Ministers being on the spot naturally understand the general situation and feelings in Poland better and are likely to suggest a plan that has better chances of being acceptable to Moscow and Lublin than one drawn up in vacuum, so to speak, by emigres long deprived of contact with their country and people.

EAM's Offer

Two things mark the developments up to date in the Anglo-Greek conflict. EAM controls the greater part of Athens and the port of Piraeus despite the efforts of British and Papandreou troops to clear both. Secondly, a general strike called by EAM is fast spreading over the whole country. They clearly prove that in the present conflict, at any rate, EAM has the support and approval of a very large proportion of the Greek people. To ignore EAM or to seek to crush ELAS by gratuitously giving them names like "gangsters" and "bandits" is folly and dangerous folly. But there is a report that EAM leaders are prepared to accept General Scobie's terms upon conditions which however, are by no means different from those formulated by the British Labour Party and supported by the London "Times." An opportunity has offered itself for immediate solution of the crisis provided the British Government accepts it. It is an issue between Mr. Churchill's sense of prestige and his own statesmanship.

U. S. Reaction

We publish to-day the reaction of a number of representative American newspapers to the Anglo-Greek crisis and the recent debate in Parliament. It will be noted that the response to Mr. Churchill's militant and angry speech has been sharply critical, a fact which ought to cause concern to the British who are anxious for the continuation of Anglo-American friendship and co-operation. The comments raise some positive issues, too, that are extremely important, for instance, the position as regards the Atlantic Charter, the duties of the United States and the grave danger of such conflicts and policies to the future of peace, of Europe and of the world itself. It is to be hoped that the British would be wise and farsighted enough radically to modify their policy. Contact has been established between General Scobie and the EAM, and we earnestly wish it to lead to a restoration of peace on satisfactory, democratic terms. By the way it is significant to note American insistence on being keenly interested in European and world affairs and on the right of the U.S.A. to be consulted in matters affecting such affairs. And this is a hint both to Britain and Russia.

Professions And Practice

How British rulers of India are translating their "good intentions" (vide Lord Wavell) into deeds with a view to convince Indians of their *bona fides* may be seen in Mr. Amery's persistent refusal not only to release the Congress leaders but also to relax in any way the restrictions placed on them. Both Mr Amery and Lord Wavell have been repeatedly expressing their solicitude for an agreed settlement of the country's political problem by Indians themselves but they themselves are doing precious little to facilitate such a settlement. Mahatma Gandhi, since his release, has definitely suspended mass civil disobedience and he has been trying to achieve communal unity by taking counsel with leaders of all sections of the people. Other Indians, too, including Non-Party leaders like Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru are actively labouring the same field, but what has been the help which Mr. Amery and Lord Wavell have been extending to these gentlemen, beyond lip-sympathy with their efforts? They are not willing to permit either Gandhiji or any other prominent Indians outside Congress circles, to interview leaders like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. It is sheer absurdity to suggest that if such interviews are permitted the stability of the British Raj in India would be undermined. Lord Wavell who lectured to Indians on their lack of faith in the "good intentions" of their British rulers, would do well to note that it is not merely Indians who distrust the professions of British statesmen, but there are also large numbers among the Viceroy's own countrymen as well as a considerable section of the American public who share Indians' lack of faith in British declarations of goodwill towards Indians.

BRITISH POLICY IN GREECE

American Press Reaction

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Considerable interest has been elicited among American newspaper editors and commentators by the statement of U.S. Secretary of State Stettinius regarding the American position in favour of liberated countries' settling their own internal affairs by democratic processes, and the reply to that statement given by Prime Minister Churchill in his speech to the House of Commons.

The following selections were made from the editorial columns of leading and representative American newspapers.

"SOMETHING TRAGICALLY WRONG"

"The world senses that something is tragically wrong when British tanks must be interposed between the liberated and their liberators. The world yearns to know whether the Atlantic Charter is a living document or a dead deception......

"As it was, Churchill's vote was substantially under the total he usually receives—279 compared with an average of from 425 to 475 in previous tests of strength. Some MPs obviously did not want to vote against him, but did not want to go on record as approving his present determination. No doubt they too observed the lack of attention given by Churchill to the Atlantic Charter in his speech on the eigth. Yet the Charter is an issue. It is an issue because the United States State Department reaffirmed our faith in the Charter and told the world that when we signed it we meant it.

This controversy involves the peace. It concerns whether that peace is to be based on the practical ideals of the Atlantic Charter or whether it bred old ones. Our soldiers have on the old system of grabbag power politics which will breed new wars as it bred ol ones. Our soldiers have been given to understand they are fighting for a people's peace. Perhaps when Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin get together that fact will inspire them to make some determined effort to that end.""—Philadelphia Record."

AMERICA'S RIGHT TO SPEAK

"We are contributing as importantly as Britain or Russia to the liberation under way. Our right to speak cannot be question. We are not being pharisaical. We have made our own mistakes in the past and we are at this time speaking in our own interest as seriously and realistically as Britain......believes it is acting......when it pursues courses which dangerously approach a system of power politics in Europe......

We are aware that there has been room for some doubt in both British and Russian minds as to whether we instead of sticking to our professions will withdraw into ourselves ......But the American people have spoken plainly and as recently as November 7 about their intention, and there is less excuse than before for......wariness about us. Our Government can speak with an assurance known to other nations that it is speaking for the people of the United States."—"Louisville Courier-Journal."

"TWO POLICIES IN GREECE"

"Let us be frank about Greece. Here the British are reaping the fruit of diplomatic bungling. They have had two policies in Greece with their own intelligence supporting the EAM while the foreign office was supporting the King.

"Even the Foreign Office has not been consistent. How can it support the Partisans in neighbouring Yugoslavia and oppose them in Greece, and expect anything but nemesis?—"Washington Post."

"POOR WITNESS"

"Churchill denounced the Greek elements opposing the Papandreou Government as 'gangsters', 'rebels', 'mutineers' and 'communists.' This is argument by name-calling and will convince nobody. But even Churchill does not deny that the same elements he is now denouncing in such intemperate terms were only a little while ago patriots fighting for independence of their country against the German invaders......What suddenly transformed those patriots into 'bandits'?

"Churchill is a poor witness since he had exerted himself so tirelessly in the past to helping the cause of King George II, an attitude which must now be put down as a blunder. It identified British policy with the cause of Greek reaction and thus when the present crisis arose it made it difficult for British authorities in Greece to serve as a mediating element between Papandreou and those opposed to him.

"In a press interview at Athens Premier Papandreou announced that once order has been restored, he would hold a plebiscite in Greece to determine the view of the people.

"The pity of it is that it was not done earlier. For in the meantime Greek blood has been shed in a fratricidal struggle which British intervention has only tended to perpetuate and a new crop of dragon's teeth has been sown in a land whose heroic people have suffered so very much during these last bitter years."—Barnet Nover in "Washington Post"

THE PRIME NECESSITY.

"If American opinion is truly represented in the resettlement of Europe it was necessary that its interpretation of the Atlantic Charter (and Churchill's) pledge of a freely chosen Government should be clearly expressed. At the same time we are glad Stettinius has stated the United States position. For the prime necessity for the Allies—in peace as in war—is unity.

"There will be diversity in this unitl. But the close co-operation of Britain and America on the battlefield—and teamwork with Russia in the larger frame of military operations—show what a large measure of unity can be achieved in war. The task of statesmanship—peoples' as well as leaders'—is to put first things first and keep bridges open for basic agreement."—"Christian Science Monitor".

"THE WISE POLICY."

The Providence "Evening Bulletin" said in an editorial Dec. 7:

"The wise sound policy is to allow liberated people to work out their own destiny through plebiscites and other democratic methods, without outside interference."—U.S.O.W.I.

Attitudes And Latitudes

By "BIRBAL"

Like Napoleon after Waterloo, the Indian Princes, it seems, have decided to appeal to their King-Emperor. Constitutional pundits as they are, it is doubtful if the Princes know the difference between the Crown and King George VI, one as intangible as their treaty rights and the other less concrete than the Crown Representative. Too much constitutionalism has been imported into the functioning of an outmoded museum like the Chamber of Princes—some one called it Chamber of Horrors—which since the Montagu Declaration is now as vague as the Magna Carta deserves a peaceful extinction. It does not require a Leslie Scott or a J. H. Morgan to say it. The present dispute has been dignified into a deadlock by a conspiracy against the States people. The new pressure of collective grouping, attachment schemes and post-war plans have driven home what was so obvious that there is a tendency to alter the States' relationship with the Crown and to qualify the observance of the Crown's obligations by unilateral action. Instead of quoting a Butler report, the Crown Representative has quoted from Sir Kenneth Fitze's letter to the Princes in 1942. Sir Francis Wylie is not likely to use ruder language. The history of this 'family quarrel' is not so puzzling to shrewd observers. The smaller States were afraid of the agitation across the borders of British India. The Paramount Power saw safety from the uncertain working of the Princes' Protection Act in the extension of the collective grouping system. This was too much for the jittery Princelings, who have gone under the protective covering of the Princes. They are not prepared to be honest either with their own peoples or the people of British India, which, according to the one-time opinion of the Chairman of the Conciliation Committee, was to succeed to Paramountcy. That position is not taboo even as a theory. The Princes, according to their draft resolution, request the Crown Representative to convey the expression of their devotion to His Imperial Majesty. Their devotion, it may be taken, will be duly rewarded.

Enemy Number One

The Bihar Governor said a mouthful last week when he denounced the Congress Socialist Party as an organisation of violence and sabotage and accused its members of cutting off people's ears and robbing and torturing them. Willing to wound but afraid to strike, Governor Rutherford proceeded to refer to the Punjab Mail accident and suggestively said he was not sure whether it was the work of the Congress Socialist Party or someone else. In the absence of proof, Sir Thomas Rutherford's insinuations are hardly likely to convince the country or to serve their purpose of driving a wedge between the Congress Socialists and other Congressmen. All that he will succeed in doing is to underline the fact that the British Government in this country regard the Congress Socialist Party as their staunchest foe, with entirely unintended results. As if by way of rejoinder to the Bihar Governor comes the report from England that the National Conference of the Federation of Indian Associations in Great Britain has passed a resolution expressing appreciation of the stand of Congress Socialists.

Chiang's Humiliations

Faced with the Japanese advance, Marshal Chiang has been forced to withdraw the troops which were hitherto employed in blockading the Communist armies in the North-East. This step is in itself a pointer to the gravity of the situation in China, for there can be little doubt that it constitutes a political gamble. "Time" magazine of November 13 contains the following revealing extracts from an order of the Communist High Command containing its plan for the capture of political power in northern Kiangsu: "First, create unrest in the region and unite the small local Communist bands in to large units. Through local unrest, we can go forward with our regional work, start opposition to the Nationalist Government, store up grain and accumulate cash by taxation. Second, sudden attacks selecting the lightly defended areas held by the Nationalist troops as our targets. Third, encirclement of 'coup d'etat.'"

"Time" also reports how, his patience at an end, the Generalissimo complained bitterly to a colleague at the American reluctance to trust him with Lend Lease: "The Americans want me to be a slave. I don't mind being a slave for the sake of victory, but"—his voice broke with anger and injury—"they treat me as if I were a thief."

A Different Picture

A picture very different from the presented by romanticizing Communist fellow-travellers like Edgar Snow and Agness Smedley comes from Yenan, the Communist Headquarters, in the form of articles entitled "Wild Articnoke", written by Wang Shih Wei, the Chinese translator of Eugene O Neill and for sixteen years a member of the Communist Party. Written as part of a campaign of Communist self-criticism, these articles led to the writer's expulsion from the Party and his liquidation.

Party bosses, according to Wang, showed neither "love nor warmth" for the rank and file; in fact, they ignored the people's welfare, neglected even the sick "who cannot obtain a mouthful of soup." There were "three classes of uniform and five classes of food. As for those who advance the fact that distinction of rank exists in the Soviet Union as a legitimate reason for our present practice, well, excuse my bluntness, but I would advise those 'high priests' to shut their mouths." Among the youths once burning with zeal for the revolution, there was disillusionment. "Young students are given two meals of rice gruel a day. When asked whether they have eaten enough, they are required to reply with a prescribed model phrase 'we are well-fed'." Said Wang: "Such conditions cause uneasiness. I await comments." The comment was not long in coming!

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NEWS FROM WAR FRONTS

(Contributed)

The latest news from Greece, described by many political observers as the most important war front in the world to-day, shows that the forces of ELAS, the army of the Liberal and Socialist National Liberation Front, are still resisting the British Army with unexpected strength. That the whole might of the considerable British forces in Greece should be defied by what have been described by right-wing columnists as an "undisciplined rabble not at all representative of the people of Greece," leads one to believe that perhaps ELAS may, after all, represent the vast majority of the Greek people. Small wonder, then, that even the London "Times" says in an editorial that the British policy of backing the right-wing Government of Mr. Papandreou has been a failure, a failure which should be immediately admitted by Mr. Churchill.

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In Italy, Canadian troops of the Eighth Army have crossed the River Lamone at Mezzano, and have sent fast tank units forward to cut the Revenna-Ferrara Road. This is the first breaching of the German Lamone Line.

The Russian armies, meanwhile only a few hundred miles north-east of the Eighth Army are now entering the final stages of the battle for Budapest. In the north of Hungary troops of the 2nd Ukrainian Front who last week captured Miskolcz are now driving through the foot-hills and have already entered the richest mineral region in the whole of Hungary. Coal, iron ore and manganese deposits which will soon be under Russian control will prove a serious loss to Germany's war potential.

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On the other side of what used to be called "Festung Europa" but is now little more than Germany alone, Allied armies have driven far ther forward into the two most vital industrial areas in the whole of the Reich—the Saar Basin and the Rhineland. In the north General Simpson's troops of the U S Ninth Army are established on the west bank of the swollen Roer River thus coming into line with the U S First Army who have cleared the enemy from the river farther south.

In the Saar Valley, heavy shelling by German artillery has failed to prevent the American Third Army from stabbing deeper into the Siegfried Line, and pill-boxes and fortified houses have been overcome in the region of Saarlautern.

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In the war against Japan American troops under General MacArthur have captured Ormoc, on the island of Leyte, and although the Japanese air force put in an appearance and tried to bomb the town shortly after it fell, it is already being organised as a base.

Chinese troops, both in Burma and in China itself, are pushing ahead and the force which recently crossed the Irrawady at Shwegu is now farther into Burma than any other. They are over 40 miles south of Bhamo, and in a position to cut off the Japanese at Namhkam, south-east of Bhamo, or to head straight

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TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT:—

"I regret to say that I cannot recognise the Non-Party Conference or its Standing Committee, and it follows therefore that I cannot recognise the Committee recently appointed by the Standing Committee of the Non-Party Conference for the purpose and the manner in which you propose to proceed and deal with the present political situation. My views about your Non-Party Conference are already well-known to you and the public.

"In these circumstances, I am unable to comply with the request contained in your letter."

—Mr. Jinnah to Dr. Sapru

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In his medico—politico—literary (Kipling, metaphors similes, etc. etc.) address to which we referred yesterday, Lord Wavell accepted the need of a popular national Government because "the average man is not willing to surrender comfort and income for the benefit of those poorer than himself or of future generations, unless he is coerced by a Dictatorship or led by those in whom he has great confidence.'

This is very nearly a sensational admission. What will Churchill, Amery and the spirit of benevolent Tory Imperialism say?

Worse still Lord Wavell has ignored the opinions sung so beautifully and so long by his very beloved and oft-quoted Rudyard Kipling himself. What had happened to Lord Wavell?

That apart, for ourselves we have full confidence in our national Governors Wavell, Mudie, Mudaliar Noon, etc. although we confess we had fuller confidence in Linlithgow and Maxwell.

Confidence that they would completely vindicate our views and convictions.

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A Lieut. Colonel, G S Stevens, having successfully invaded the Blimp plain heights of the Imperialist East India Association of London further disturbed the equanimity of its members by telling them that the gulf between Britain and India remains unbridged and cannot be bridged unless British officials and commanders and "Europeans-in-India say good-bye to their attitudes and behaviour."

The members were only scandalised and shocked although it is not yet confirmed that they all ordered double whiskies murmuring "Gad Sir the fellow is an outsider."

It is unexpected however, that Sir James Grigg will lose no time in dealing with Colonel Stevens in the proper manner.

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Telling the world from Surat, Doctor K. M. Ashraf insists that "it is absurd to think that Pakistan does not arise from the urge of the Muslim masses and is a slogan imposed by Mr Jinnah to fight the Congress leadership."

We do hope the Comrade Doctor pulls himself together and takes a complete rest cure, otherwise he will have to be sent to the new specialist in human ailments Doctor Wavell for expert treatment.

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In the invalid's we mean Dr Ashraf's opinion, ever since Sir Syed "practically every progressive Muslim trend, not excluding the Congress Muslims, has contributed to the building up of what has culminated in the Pakistan demand."

Memories HAVE become short
Or painfully oppressive?

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Love is the real thing until the newness begins to wear off.

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A close friend is all right—until he declines to lend you money.

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An inch of rain seems to be a foot to the man who is caught in it without an umbrella.

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The best seems to be a little too good for some people: at least they are always looking for the worst of it.

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down to Mandalay. Meanwhile, the British 36th Division has completely occupied the two towns of Indaw and Katha, west of Bhamo, and is poised in readiness to sweep down into Mandalay from the north.

In China itself, Japanese troops who were sweeping towards the American base of Kunming, at the end of the Burma Road have been checked. This sudden and unexpected victory by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops may well be the turning of the tide in China, and is a good omen for the newly-appointed Chief of Staff—America's Major-General Wedermeyer, who evolved the plan which has, so far, shown such good results.

Committee To Enquire Into Viramgaum Customs Cordon

Munshi Questions Right Of Search: Bombay Meeting Condemns Humiliating Treatment

BOMBAY, Friday.

An emphatic protest against the existing customs cordon at Viramgaum was recorded at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Katchi Prajakiya Parishad at Hira Baug to-night. Mr. K. M. Munshi presided. The meeting expressed the opinion that lakhs of passengers travelling through Viramgaum should not be unnecessarily victimized for the fault of a select few.

A resolution demanding the immediate abolition of the cordon was passed on the occasion. It stated 'inter alia' that the cordons at Viramgaum and certain other ports of Kathiawar were an insult to the general public. It had become too stringent at Viramgaum where the recently introduced system of examining passengers behind an iron wall was causing undue humiliation and harassment to them. The cordon served no useful purpose in view of the fact that with the advent of war there was no possibility of foreign goods finding way in British India through the ports of Kathiawar.

Another resolution passed at the meeting protested against the exorbitant cahrges demanded by porters at the Viramgaum station for transporting luggage and called upon the railway authorities concerned to regulate the same.

With a view to inquiring into this growing scandal of the customs cordon the meeting appointed a committee.

Mr K. M. Munshi in his presidential remarks referred to the inconvenience caused to the passengers as a result of the cordon and said:—

Teh general public is entitled to be treated with courtesy and consideration. It need not be punished in this manner for the sins of others. The Government of India can devise measures to prevent smuggling. It has enough power to bring the offenders to book. But why harass the poor public?

"Eminent lawyers have advised that the customs authorities have no power to compel innocent passengers to submit to the harassments which are being enforced. The right of search is also questioned".

Concluding, Mr. Munshi suggested that an inquiry into the grievance was necessary. He warned the authorities not to fail in their duty in devising prompt methods which might save the public from this constant harassment.

Moving the main resolution, Mr. Samaldas Gandhi gave a detailed description of the humiliating treatment meted out to passengers.

VIRAMGAUM DAY IN CITY.

In observance of the Viramgaum Day, most of the markets and bazaars remained closed to-day.

Since the morning student workers and gumastas went round the city streets holding small meeting to organise public opinion against the customs cordon.

At Bombay Central badges bearing slogans "Custom Cordon Must Go" were distributed to the passengers going to Kathiawar.

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MILK at Cheap Rates for CHILDREN

& EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS.

The Government's subsidised-milk-for-infants scheme in Bombay City has been extended to children below six years of age.

Expectant and nursing mothers will also get milk under the scheme from the fourth month of pregnancy until two months after delivery.

Each such child and each such mother will get one quarter seer per day at a subsidised rate.

Please apply in 'R' form at your Ward Rationing Office for milk ration cards for persons included in the above categories. Take the foodgrains ration card of the person concerned, where available, or of the head of the household both at the time of applying for and obtaining the milk ration cards.

Preserve the cards carefully till the date of registration which will be announced in due course.

Indictment Of Churchill's Policy

"INDIA REMAINS A VAST PRISON HOUSE WITH KEYS AT 10, DOWNING STREET"

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The India League took advantage of the presence in London of the thousand delegates attending the Labour Party Conference and held a special meeting last night in the same hall where the Conference met earlier in the day John Burns Hynd, Labour M.P. was the first speaker. The National Union of Railwaymen which he represents has tabled a resolution for consideration of the Labour Party Conference similar to the one passed at last night's meeting. Mr. Hynd's speech was a downright attack on Government policy towards India. He was frequently cheered by the audience which was mostly composed of Labour delegates. He said, "Britain claimed that she was fighting the war against Germany, because Germany attempted to dominate the world. Britain has worn the cloak of a peace-loving people. British democracy rightly rejects the monstrous crimes of monstrous people like those of Germany, Italy and Japan.

Hence we have produced the Atlantic Charter and the Philadelphia Declaration. As good democratic people we say we stand together to put into practice, irrespective of colour and race, these principles. But when the Atlantic Charter and other holy declarations come to be interpreted, we find people in authority telling us that the charter does not apply to Germany and other enemy countries and it also does not apply to four hundred million citizens of the British Empire itself. In short the Atlantic Charter, so far as the British Empire is concerned has become meaningless. We are told that the Indian people are unfit for democracy. I, therefore, ask you what is the difference between this attitude of our people and the German people? Have we forgotten how just fit we were for governing ourselves—leave aside four hundred million Indians—just before this war started—with our unemployment, our slums etcetera? Under our superior rule in India, we have poverty all round. We, the people of democratic Britain, who claim the right to govern and teach Indians have brought India to this sorry pass"

Mr. Hynd concluded, "Congress Leaders and Trade Union Leaders like Mr. Dange were deliberately imprisoned without trial. We of the Labour movement must prove by our action that we have nothing to do with this attitude of our ruling class.

MR. TANNER'S SPEECH.

Mr. Tanner, who presided said, "No British Socialist will feel happy as long as India remains a vast prison house, the keys whereof are at 10, Downing Street. Mr. Tanner agreed with Mr. Dange that Labour leaders in the present coalition cannot escape responsibility for allowing these keys to remain in the hands of a man who resides at No. 10 The situation in India is economically, politically, socially very tragic. Indeed it is largely the responsibility of the British Government which has adopted the attitude similar to the one it has taken against the German people—putting the responsibility for the present situation in India upon the Indian people themselves. But we, people of Britain are actually responsible for the action of our Government. It is the duty of all progressive minded people to take a stand against our Government in respect of position in India. I regret our Labour and Trade Union movements know more about similar movements on the Continent but so little about India. Our Government is working largely behind a wall of misinformation. It is time, therefore, for Labour and Trade Union movements to send out its own representatives to India to examine the situation there. It would be of the greatest value if there is the closest personal contact by such a visit.

Mr. Tanner urged upon the delegates to purchase a copy of the Bombay Plan because he felt a study thereof will provide them revealing information about how Indians live under British rule. Mr. Tanner added, "Read the Bombay Plan carefully Study it. Unless we cast aside the policy of our Government, we won't perform our duty as free citizens and as good democrats. Litvinoff has said, "Peace is indivisible might I say poverty also is indivisible because the situation of Indian workers is going to affect the standard of living of people in Europe as also our own.

SORENSEN'S SPEECH.

Mr. Reginald Sorensen M.P. said that he was proud of his country but one added, "I am first of all a human being belonging to the human race. I am not first and last an Englishman". Mr. Sorensen added Mr. Churchill may be a clever Imperialist strategist, but nobody believed particularly after Greece and Italy that he was fighting fascism at all. Mr. Churchill is fighting Germany to-day which endangered the security of his class. He will be prepared to fight against the people of Russia and Italy to-morrow because he still has a nationalist, imperialist mind. He is a sort of Doctor Jekyl and Mr. Hyde Unfortunately there is a large number of British people similar to Mr. Churchill. They have many virtues but one vice—hypocrisy. If you don't like that word call it inconsistency. Mr. Churchill praises Indian Princes because they support the Indian type of fascism against men like Gandhi, Nehru, Azad who represent democracy. Mr. Churchill supports Badoglio's fascism against Sforza's liberal democracy. Mr. Churchill has special praise for the Spanish brand of Fascism under Churchill's leadership. What has happened in India has begun to happen in Europe. Eventually it will happen in Britain itself.

A BRITISH COLONEL'S PLAIN-SPEAKING.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Britain must either make India her willing associate or else get out, declared Lieut.-Col. G. R. Stevens, addressing the East India Association at Caxton Hall on Wednesday.

Col Stevens added: "The only way to make India a willing associate to the enormous advantage of Indians and Britons alike is to persuade the 400 million people of different races, habits and character that the British are prepared to relinquish their status as superior beings and are willing to become partners and associates in the business of living in India."

He believed that it was possible to use the British Army in India as ambassadors of goodwill to dispel old notions and to create a new concept of what Great Britain in 1940s really is and really stands for. He maintained that the British forces to-day represented that tolerant, practical and fair-minded Britain which had so much to offer to the world.

OFFICIAL EFFORTS VALUELESS.

Col. Stevens continued: "Imperial gulfs between the ruler and the ruled have not been bridged and cannot be bridged by the generation of officials and commanders whose roots are in the system that is rapidly passing away. With the best will in the world, they cannot administer an enterprise based on what is to them a new and revolutionary psychology. They are not in touch with the Indian intelligentsia and I fear that in some cases at least they are even more out of touch with current British thought To do them justice, these harassed and hard-working officials who carry the burden of administration in India, have had little home leave in the last ten years, and they do not realise that the British conscript army of to-day is perhaps as representative of British opinion as the House of Commons or any other British institution"—Reuter.

Lady Rama Rao On City Milk Supply Problem

BOMBAY, Friday.

Lady Rama Rao broadcasting to-day on the problem of adequate milk supply for children and expectant and nursing mothers said that in recent years with the growth of population from 14 lakhs to 24 lakhs the supply which had remained more or less constant, naturally lagged far behind the demand.

Continuing she said: As a representative of women's organisations I would like to mention that the demand we made goes much further than the Government scheme. We should like to see the milk distributed at milk centres subsidised still further and even given free to the children of the poorer classes. Also, we believe that an adequate system of rationing of milk, like rationing of grain, would force the anti-social people of our city to give up the surplus that they can well afford to do. This would release a larger amount of milk for the milk centres which are our primary concern.

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PRABHAT TURNS UP AS SPECIALIST IN JOY!

"Chand" Premiere To-day At Krishna: "Lal Haveli" Released At Capitol

BY T. V. P.

"Lal Haveli", produced and directed by K. B. Lal features a number of stars like Nurjehan, Surendra, Ullhas, Yakub, Kanayalal Vatsala Kumthekar and Maya Banerji was released yesterday at Capitol. All the stars have sufficient scope to display their talents and they have done their best. The story is an episode of life and love in new settings which succeeds in providing hilarious entertainment.

For once, Prabhat has made a picture expressly and consciously for the crowd. Our moral redemption or mental uplift is not among the aims of "Chand", which will have its premiere at the Krishna Cinema this afternoon. The one aim of "Chand" is to scatter delight, to place mirth and melody on the tap. From a preview of parts of the film I can say that Prabhat has succeeded in doing both. Opinion must however be reserved pending a view of the full feature in a full house The audience is as intimate a part of the cinema as the stars.

Begum Para and Prem Adib and Sitara are representatives of youth in different grades of the social scale. Popular opinion is quite likely to give the palm to the spirited, impish little Balakram. Director D. D Kashyap has mounted the story—of his own authorship—in vivid hues of wit and music.

"CHAL CHAL RE NAVJAVAN"

Producer Mukherji has confounded his critics. A proved master of the arts of showmanship he had long laid himself open to the charge of sugarcoating life. In Filmistan's "Chal Chal re Navjavan", he has dramatised life in its elemental content.

Abounding in scenes and situations tense with emotional and dramatic power, "Navjavan" is stamped with the finish and restraint of great art. The characters in this play reveal new facets at every turn. Naseem



Ramola and Ishwarlal in 'Laikar' at West End

and Ashok Kumar as well as veteran character players like Desai and Jagdeesh and Motibai reveal a histrionic sparkle of fine feeling and subtle humour.

"JWAR BHATA" AT MAJESTIC

Cheered and applauded by enthusiastic audiences "Jwar Bhata", Bombay Talkies' new picture which has been acclaimed as one of the finest from this studio is running in 3rd week at Majestic.

In "Jwar Bhata", not only has Producer Chakrabarty produced a meritable motion picture, but he also introduced a new star who is both beautiful and talented. Mridula has already been accepted as one of the most remarkable star discoveries. While Amiya Chakrabarty's direction is marked by smoothness, dramatic punch, fine comedy touches and swift action, his splendid screenplay gives the picture fine suspense and thrilling romance.

"LALKAR" AT WEST END

"Lalkar" released last week at West End stars Ramola She carries the picture mainly on her shoulders It is an excellent entertainment for lovers of fun and frolic.

JUBILEE OF PUBLIC JUDGMENT

For once, a film advertisement does not exaggerate. Prabhat's publicity of the "Ram Shastri" jubilee as the "Twenty-fifth Week of People's Judgment" is sound and true. Ever as the great Shastri altered the juridical ideas of his time and set up a regime of higher public morality Prabhat's film biography of him has revised our own notions of popular taste and has placed the screen on a higher moral plane. The future trend of our film fare depends largely on the box-office verdict on this Prabhat venture into pure idealism The public voted for "Ram Shastri", which has now entered its Jubilee Week. It is indeed a jubilee of the People's Judgment of moral entertainment.

"DRAUPADI" AT IMPERIAL

"Draupadi" continues to be a big draw at Imperial in the 9th week the main attraction being Sushila Rani, her music and mannerisms having made an impression on the public mind. It is steadily dawning on the audiences that her charm is unsurpassed in the film land.



Manjula in "Gaali" coming to Lamington



Sitara in "Chand" coming to Krishna today

All-India Badminton

DEODHAR SISTERS' SPLENDID VICTORY

The All-India Badminton Championships Tournament has now arrived at an interesting stage. On Friday evening G. Lewis disposed of V. G. Bhide comfortably and entered quarter-finals of the Men's Singles.

In the Women's Singles, the Deodhar sisters, Tara and Sunder, carried the day against the local stars, Aloo Vimadalal and Mumtaz Chinoy without any difficulty. It is more than likely that both of them will contest in the final again this year.

BENGAL PAIRS ELIMINATED

The Men's Doubles saw both the Bengal pairs eliminated. Rangnekar and Mugwe accounted for Madgavkar and Bose, while the Bannerjees went down to the Punjabi brothers, Ashok Nath and Prakash Nath. The local stars met with stiff opposition in the initial game, Madgavkar and partner leading up to 12-10. Suddenly Khandu began attacking vigorously and with precision. Madgavkar, on the other hand, started losing point after point. It was no wonder therefore that Rangnekar and Co. pulled the game out of the fire with the loss of one more point. In the second game there was a keen tussle for supremacy and the rival parties ran neck to neck till 7 all was called Again the local pair made a sudden spurt to collar the game at 15-12. J Bose had received as good support from his senior partner as Rangnekar did from Mugwe the match might have told a different tale. Any way it was a splendid fight on the whole.

The other two matches were far more contested than the scores indicate. But the Commanding superiority of the Punjab and Delhi pairs told in the end.

Two matches in the Juniors Singles saw Chandiramani and Trilokinath scoring easy victories over their rivals.

The following are the results:

MEN'S SINGLES

G. Lewis beat V. G. Bhide 15-4, 15-5

MEN'S DOUBLES

Ashok Nath and Prakash Nath beat R. Banerji and B. Banerji 15-10, 15-5; K. M. Rangnekar and D. G. Mugwe beat V. A. Madgavkar and S. Bose 15-13, 15-12; D. Charanjit and S. L. Jaini beat H. Fereira and B. D. Shroff.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Miss T. Deodhar beat Miss A. R. Vimadalal 11-6, 11-4; Miss Sunder Deodhar beat Miss M. R. Chinoy 11-4, 11-6.

JUNIORS' SINGLES

G. Chandiramani beat S. V. Muzumdar 15-1, 15-1; Triloki Nath beat R. D. Desai 15-3, 15-1.

Balooch Takes 5 Wickets For 74 Against W. I. S. C. A.

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 15.

The Western Zone Ranji Trophy Cricket Tournament match between Gujarat and Western India States Cricket Association commenced here this morning. Western India scored 244 in the first knock. Balooch took five wickets for 74 runs.

SCORES:

WISCA (First Innings)

Prataprai c Khambatta b Balooch 4; Jayantilal c Prithviraj b Balooch, 4; Ramniklal b Jasu Patel 13; Shantilal Gandhi c Jasu Patel b Chippa 33; Purshottam b Balooch 22; Shukhvantrai b Chippa 8; Girdhari l.b.w b Kesari 44; Rathod b Balooch 42; Bhavanishanker l.b.w. b Balooch 15, Ismail c Prithviraj b Kesari 0, Nvalchand not out 19 Extras 14. Total 224.

JAGDALE'S UNBEATEN CENTURY AGAINST BIHAR

JAMSHEDPUR, Dec. 15.

In the first round East Zone match of the Ranji Cricket Trophy between Bihar and Holkar to-day, the latter piled up a total of 339 for the loss of six wickets.

SCORES:

HOLKAR (First Innings)

M. Jagdale batting 119; K. V. Bhandarkar c B. Bose b S. Bannerjee 1; S. Mushtaq Ali c Bannerjee b A. Das Gupta 41; C. S. Nayudu c B. Sen b Hydes 33, C. K. Nayudu c S. Bagchi b Bannerjee 42; B. B. Nimbalkar b Bannerjee 17; C. T. Sarwate hit wicket b A. Das Gupta 71; J. N. Bhaya batting 7. Extras 8. Total (for six wickets) 339.

Maharashtra Vs. Baroda

POONA, Dec. 14.

The following teams will represent Baroda and Maharashtra respectively in the second round of the Ranji Trophy match (West Zone) to be played in Poona on Dec. 16, 17, 18 and 19.

BARODA: R. B. Nimbalkar (Capt.), M. M. Naidu, V. S. Hazare, H. R. Adhikari, Amir Elahi, Gul Mahomed, A. H. Mirchandani, V. N. Raiji, S. G. Powar. Yakub Sheikh and Vivek Hazare. Reserves: Ahmed Patel, S K. Vichare and M. R. Shringarpure.

MAHARASHTRA: D. B. Deodhar (Capt.), S. W. Sohoni, V. M. Pandit, M. N. Paranjpye, M. R. Rege, M. E. Z. Gazali, S. Banerjee, K. M. Jadhav, V. N. Gokhale, R. R. Chandorker and S. G. Shinde.

Reserves: V. Chari, H. Tulpule and S. G. Palsule.—A.P.

NEED FOR NEW OUTLOOK IN MARATHI LITERATURE

L. S. Joshi On War-Time Social And Ideological Conflicts

BOMBAY, Friday.

Presiding over the ninth session of the Bombay and Suburban Marathi Literary Conference this evening, Mr. Laxman Shastri Joshi said: "Literary conferences and literary magazines are like sentinels guarding the gates of knowledge. Their duty is to keep the path of knowledge clear and protect it from attacks from protagonists of particular political parties, factions or ideologies. Only by this process will they be able to help the development of culture."

Reviewing the trends of literature in war-time, the President referred to the social and ideological conflicts which had come to the fore to-day. He urged the need for a new outlook in the literary world which would facilitate the ushering in of desirable social changes. With the change of times, it was necessary to have new methods. Questions like violence and non-violence said Mr. Joshi, had to be viewed from a realistic angle and literature of the day should represent this realistic view.

Speaking of the future of literature, the President said that it depended on the philosophy of life adopted by the people. "The reason why our conflicts have not gained in strength", he observed "and have not been able to contribute creative art or literature is that we have not understood the new philosophy of life namely, the practical philosophy.

The present-day Marathi literature, said Mr. Joshi, may not be of a very high order which could secure international recognition; yet it was produced with a desire that Marathi should not be left behind the literatures of other nations in a progressive world. In the field of stories, novels, plays and poetry, Marathi literature was advancing though slowly. Idealistic Marathi literature was unfortunately lacking in richness because it was not born out of actual experience or out of social needs.

As one who had worked as a journalist for many years, Mr. Joshi said, he could take the liberty of expressing the view that newspapers constituted a very valuable medium for expressing the day-to-day needs of the people and their social conditions and efforts. The daily newspaper was as important in man's day-to-day life as the artillery on the battle front. Marathi journalism was progressively developing It was necessary that journalists should try to raise its status. Mr. Joshi urged that newspapers should stand for genuine freedom of criticism, thought and expression.

Mr. A. H. Gadre, Chairman of the Reception Committee, in his welcome address deprecated the morbid tendency in the literature pertaining to film publicity

The Conference will reassemble at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

FRONTIER GANDHI'S ONLY DAUGHTER WEDS

PESHAWAR, Dec. 12.

Miss Mehr Taj, the only daughter of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, was married to Mr. Yahya Jan, at Utmanzai, the home village of the "Frontier Gandhi."

'FOOD FAMINE' IN KATHIAWAR

WADHWAN, Dec. 15: Kathiawar is in the grip of a food famine Bajri costs as much as Rs. 11 per maund. People have had to go without food for as long as three days at a stretch.—A. P.

City Youths Compete For Histrionic Honours

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Bombay's popular yearly festival of drama—the Lovji Cama Dramatic Competition—commenced at the Xavier College Hall this evening. Six dramatic items four of which are to be traced to Indian authorship were gone through to-day. It was a pleasure to see the youth of Bombay competing for histrionic honours through the medium of dramas written by Bombay's dramatists. Acting in most of the pieces was restrained. "The Home Coming" by Eugene O'Neill was done in a very impressive manner. Mary Sethna acted as Christine Mannon. The other items included. "The playwright's triumph" (Pirojsha Antia as Harry Templeton), "Never too late" (John D'Souza as Tosca), "From Darkness unto light" (Aloo Dubash as Mrs. Jones), "Trapped" (Homi Tavadia as Alexai), "Off with the Motley" (Jengoo Anklesaria as the man.

The competition will be held on December 15, 16 and 19 at 6-15 p.m. each day.

Deputy Station Master Acquitted

(From Our Own Correspondent).

BANDRA, Friday.—Shankarbhai Javerbhai Patel, Deputy Station Master, B. B. and C. I. Railway, Bombay Central and Nursibhai Javerbhai Patel, his brother, residents of Vile Parle, who were charged for assault on and insult to Shantabai Keshav a maid servant, by Mrs. B. Rodrigues, Honorary Second Class Magistrate, Bandra, were acquitted.

Appeal To Jam Mill Workers

Mr. V. B. Koregaonkar, President of the Bombay Mill Mazdoor Sangh has issued the following appeal to the workers of Jam Mill No. 1:

"Great discontent has prevailed in the workers of Jam Mill No. 1 for many days past. Taking advantage of that attempts have been made by interested parties to incite workers to resort to violent methods. Incidents such as those that happened on Tuesday last are harmful to the workers' legitimate demands and also to their organisation's solidarity. I, therefore, appeal to the textile workers of Bombay in general, and to the workers of Jam Mill No. 1 in particular, not to be victims of such incitements and to carry on their movement for legitimate demands only by non-violent and peaceful methods. That is the only way by which workers will be able to achieve their object.

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U. S. AND BRITAIN APPROVE OF NEW ITALIAN CABINET

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Foreign Office stated tonight: "During the recent Italian political crisis leading up to the formation of a new Government under Signor Bonomi, British and United States Ambassadors in Rome have been kept in close consultation.

Reports of the two Ambassadors having been considered satisfactory by their respective governments. His Majesty's Government and the United States Government whose views are in agreement have now informed their respective Ambassadors that they welcome the representative character of the new Government and are glad to see it assume office."

Tonight's statement by the British Foreign Office emphasising close consultations between the British and United States Ambassadors in Rome during the Italian political crisis must be regarded as an answer to critics who saw in the recent statement by United States Secretary of State Mr. Stettinius about British veto on Count Sforza a conflict of views between the two governments.

It is pointed out in London that the armistice terms with Italy lay down that the composition of the Italian Government must have the approval of the Allied Control Commission, that is of British and United States Governments. The Foreign Office communique tonight makes it clear that the two governments acting in complete concord have given their approval to Signor Bonomi's second Government and appreciate its representative character.

Rexists Shoot Men And Women

CHARLEROI, Dec. 14.

Reuter's special correspondent at Charlerol writes: Twenty-five men and women of all ages locked in a cellar near here as hostages were dragged out by Rexist killers on August 18 and shot, it was revealed by Belgian judicial authorities to-day.

CHUNGKING AND CHINESE "REDS"

Chiang's Interview To "News Chronicle" Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek has dealt with China's war and post-war problems and replied to foreign critics of his Government in an interview to the "News Chronicle" Chungking correspondent. The statement which is published today is the first made to a foreign correspondent for two years.

Asked whether China is a democracy, the Generalissimo said that while there was a difference of degree between the Chinese democracy and the British democracy, there was no fundamental difference as to the final goal.

"Social conditions in China today account for the present difference in degree. The Kuomintang is not willing to put up a false front or satisfy itself with the report that true democracy might endanger the security of the nation. Recent criticism abroad about China being not democratic is not necessarily objective."

On the question of a split between Government and Communist forces, the Generalissimo replied.

"Government is trying to seek a solution of the Communist problem with the greatest patience. The situation had improved. The Kuomintang had never prevented co-operation with the national Government In fact it welcomes co-operation from all other parties."

Discussing Allied assistance to China Generalissimo Chiang-kai-Shek said, "The Allies have done their part in accordance with the present. The urgent needs of China show that there is a big gap between actual demand and supply I believe the assistance from our Allies will greatly increase."

Generalissimo Chiang referred to the disarmament of Japan in the post-war settlement and said that her rearmament must be prevented at any cost.

As to the form of Government in Japan after the war and other purely domestic problems, the Generalissimo felt the Allies had better leave them to the Japanese people to solve themselves.—Reuter.

Natal Indians Resent Smuts' Attitude

Congress Asks All Indians To Refuse Co-operation With Judicial Commission

DURBAN, Dec. 14

A meeting of the Natal Indian Congress which met to consider the report of the delegation to Premier Smuts, and Marshal Smuts' note regarding the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance passed the following resolution:

"This meeting records its deep sense of disappointment at the attitude of the Prime Minister who, while admitting that the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance is in conflict with the Pretoria Agreement, is, nevertheless not prepared to veto it, but prefers to repudiate the Pretoria Agreement, thereby breaking his faith with the Indian community."

The resolution asks, firstly, that the Congress should take all steps forthwith to inaugurate and pursue to its limit a publicity and propaganda campaign in South Africa and abroad to direct attention to the various disabilities imposed upon Indians in South Africa, and secondly, that a conference of the South African Indian Congress be convened to which delegates from Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Nyasaland and Rhodesia be invited.

The resolution approves the resignation of Mr. S. R. Naidoo and Mr. A. I. Kajee from the Natal Indian Judicial Commission and calls upon all Indians to refuse to co-operate with the Commission.—Reuter.

TRUNK MANUFACTURERS' GRIEVANCES

A Correspondent writes:—

The difficulties that the trunk manufacturers have been experiencing in obtaining their supplies are not yet over. The Bombay Trunk Manufacturers' Association are doing their best for getting their difficulties removed and for enabling the public to obtain trunks at proper rates. The controlled rate for trunk sheets is Rs. 278 per ton but the same is sold in black market at Rs 1,250 to 1,300 and even at this rate it is difficult to obtain supplies.

At present the shortage of goods in the trunk market is really terrible and we feel that if these conditions continue for any length of time the factories will have to stop work. Three factories have already stopped work on account of shortage of sheets.

A deputation of the Bombay Trunk Manufacturers' Association had a few days ago seen the Controller Mr. Watson, but the visit has not as yet resulted in anything. We trust that the Controller will make proper arrangements in this matter and thus end difficulties of the public as well as of the trunk manufacturers.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE CONFERENCE

Sponsors Prepare Grand Variety Show For Occasion

The Bombay Provincial Peoples Theatre Conference will be held at the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall from January 4th to 9th Mama Warerkar, Mr. Chandravadan Mehta and Mr. Prithviraj Kappor will preside. The Conference will be open to the delegates and the members of the Reception Committee as there is limited accommodation.

The Conference will make resolutions on the Municipal theatre, unification of all art groupes in the city, and adopt the constitution and draft manifesto of the aims and objects of the Peoples Theatre. The Conference will exhibit various items from the work the Peoples Theatre has done in these directions and also will present some of its best items of hitherto unpublished items.

The Ballet on "Spirit of India" and other folk dances and songs led by Binoy Roy, Shanti Bardhan and Abani Dasgupta will be one of the main features.

Gujerati Section will present some new Gujerati songs and present Mrichnakatika—the Sanskrit play now translated by Poet Sundaram and published by Pacima Publications. The Hindi section will present "Zubeida" by K. A Abbas directed by Balraj Sahani leading a talented team of thirty actors. Also a number of other items will be presented to express various aspects of artistic life existing in the Rural areas of Bombay Province.

The Membership of the Reception Committee is open to the Public. Any one who wishes to become the member should go to the Peoples Theatre office, Mody chambers, Opera House. The donations fixed to meet the expenses of the conference are Rs. 25 Rs. 10, 5, and 2. The R. C. membership enrollment will be closed on 25th December.

Reception To Varerkar

Mr. B. V. Varerkar, well-known playwright and novelist of Bombay was done honour to by complimentary speeches on Wednesday at Union High School Hall and on Thursday at Wagle Hall, for his election by a large majority to the presidentship of the Marathi Literary Conference to be held at Dhulia during the Christmas Holidays, the former meeting having been held under the auspices of the Marathi Journalists Association and the latter Mumbai Marathi Sahitya Sangh.

"Dunya"

"Dunya" (World) is the title of a new illustrated monthly magazine published by "United Publications," a Government propaganda agency in Delhi. We have received a copy of the first issue of the English-Roman Urdu edition. With a portrait of Mr. Churchill dominating the cover page and the usual war pictures splashed about its inside pages, with captions in the peculiarly military 'Roman Urdu', the journal has hardly any popular appeal. However it is exceedingly printed at the "Times of India" Press, Bombay and in its form bears a close resemblance to the "Illustrated Weekly." We learn that it is also published in English-Russian, English-Persian, and Urdu-Pushtu editions.

Five Candidates For Sind Bye-election

SUKKUR, (Karachi), Dec. 14.

Five candidates have submitted their nomination forms for contesting the by-election to the Sind Assembly from the Shikarpur constituency to be held on January 4, 1945.

The candidates are: Khan Bahadur Moulabux, younger brother of the Late Mr. Allahabux; Mr. Ghulam Nabi Pathan, the official League candidate; Khan Bahadur Agha Nizamdin; Pir Rahim Shah, brother of the late Pir Pagaro; and Mr. Pathan Khan.—A. P.

'ABSCONDER' SURRENDERS

MEERUT, Dec. 13: At the resumed hearing of the S. S. Light Railway Conspiracy Case Lalita Prasad, accused who was declared absconder, presented himself yesterday before Mr. V. S. Sharma, Special Magistrate who was trying the case. He was taken to custody. His bail application was moved to-day on which orders were reserved.—A. P.

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(Telugu)

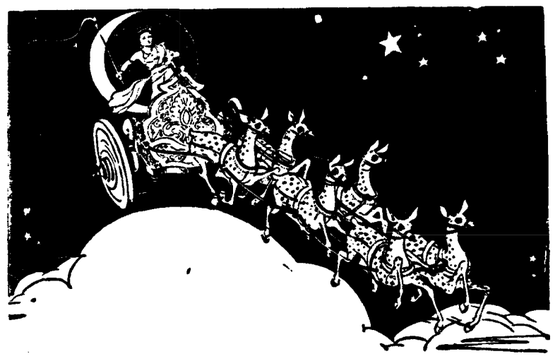
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World Record In Non-Stop Cycling

Muslim Youth Pedals For 50 Hours

BOMBAY, Friday.

A new world record of 50 hours non-stop cycling was established this evening by Mr. Monamad Haji Hyderabadi the well-known Muslim cyclist. This youthful record-breaker started his endurance test on Wednesday at 4 p.m. Today at 6-30 p.m. sharp he dismounted. During the 50 hours, he never got down from his mount though he changed several cycles during the 50 hours for the machines to be reconditioned. This he did as he rode. Not even did he dismount for his meals or to answer calls of nature.

Today the entire Maidan where he performed this great feat was thronged by a crowd of more than 10,000 spectators. When the 43,200th round was over then only Mr. Haji dismounted. Before he got down his bike, the Mayor of Bombay, Mr. Nagindas T. Master who had specially come there to congratulate him, greeted him as he was riding and then in a short extempore Hindustani speech complimented the rider saying: "I am glad to be present here. Brai Mohamed Haji's feat is a world record breaking feat. Without meals, break or any respite, whatsoever he has continuously cycled for 50 hours. I am proud that in our country we have men like today's hero. All that we need now is Hindu-Muslim unity to attain our goal of national independence." He added: "I congratulate Mr. Haji on behalf of the citizens of Bombay. If we get the right opportunity we can show to the world what we are capable of doing."

Mr. K. C Ibrahim, the well-known cricketer, went round on a bicycle with Mr. Haji till he completed his final round.

Seth Esmail A. Adenwalla presided on the occasion. The Nawab of Belha was present.

After Mr. Haji had dismounted he was chaired and later examined by doctors. After being declared fit he was again chaired and taken round the maidan where he received loud applause.

A bicycle, a number of cups, a gold medal and several other presents and a purse of about Rs. 15,000 were awarded to the hero. The trophies were given away by the President



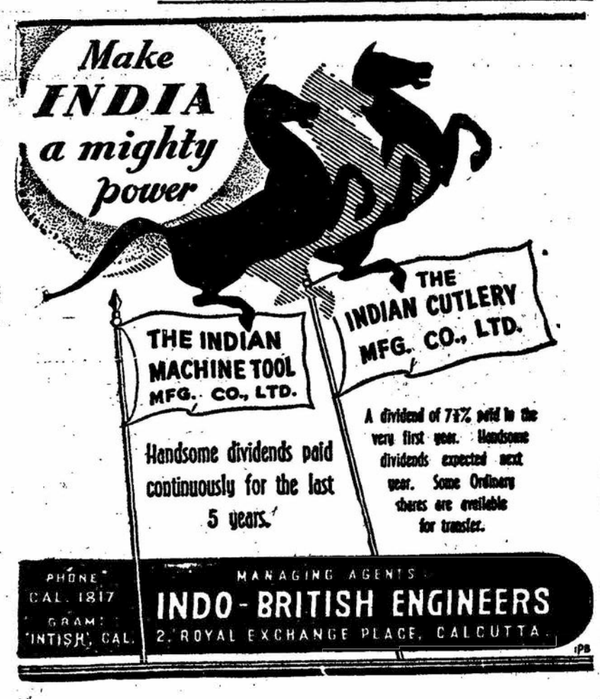
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HIGH COURT'S ORDER TO UNIVERSITY

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Blagden).

Ramanlal C. Banker .. Petitioner
v.
The University of Bombay & Others .. Respondents.

This was a petition to restrain the University, its Syndicate and its Registrar from accepting the votes cast by the Administrators and Committees of Management appointed by the Government in supersession of the District Local Boards of Surat Kaira, Panch Mahals and Ahmedabad at the election of a Fellow to the Senate by the Local Boards of the Gujarat group under Section 13 of the Bombay University Act. The petitioner contended that he should be declared as having been elected unopposed by the vote of the District Local Board of Broach which was the only Local Board of the Gujarat group functioning once again at the time of the election in June 1944.

His Lordship made the Rule absolute and ordered the University to declare the petitioner as having been duly elected as a Fellow of the Senate of the University and ordered that in the counting of votes at the election in question, the vote of the District Local Board of Broach only should be declared to be the valid vote of the District Local Boards, Gujarat Group, within the meaning of section 13 of the Bombay University Act.

Mr. B. J. Desai and Mr. J. M Gandhi instructed by Messrs. Harilal Thaker & Co. appeared for the petitioner.

The respondents did not appear.

Dhurandhar's Paintings

One would rarely find in any exhibition, such a large collection of paintings—such a creditable record of works—by a single artist as is found in the exhibition of the art of the late Rao Bahadur M. V. Dhurandhar at the Convocation Hall of the University of Bombay. One can easily estimate, from the available material collected by the organisers, that the entire bulk of paintings executed by the artist must have been much larger. The exhibits which are predominantly in the western style and are divided in oil paintings, water-colours and black and white cover a wide range of subjects.

The late Rao Bahadur Dhurandhar was an artist with untiring energy and unswerving devotion to art. He could paint portraits, subject pictures and landscapes with equal alacrity and firmness and maintained definite standards throughout. "History of Kolhapur" exhibits, "Indian Character-Studies" and "Raz-Rasini" pictures are good sets of paintings. Additional materiel of interest is furnished by some landscapes and mythological compositions. Miss Ambika Dhurandkar, who has continued the traditions of her father is, as it appears from her paintings in a separate section, a talented artist. The exhibition is well worth a visit as it represents a part of the life-work of the late Rao Bahadur Dhurandhar.

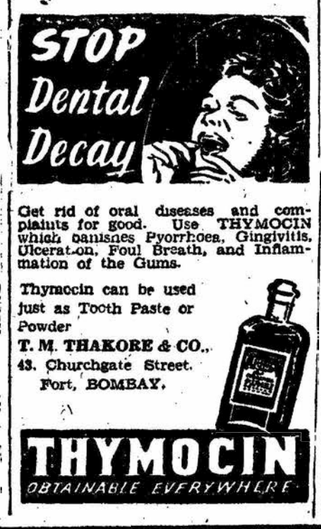
"Twelfth Night"

The Dramatic Club of the St. Xavier's College scored success in presenting Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" on Monday evening at the hall of the College. The play was produced under the able direction of Mr. Sultan Padamsee who appeared in and did sufficient justice to the role of Sir Toby Belch. Other artistes also acquitted themselves creditably. The settings and costumes were appropriately selected. Mr Sultan Padamsee should be congratulated on the success achieved by him in creating the typical atmosphere of the Shakespearean play.

Communist Of Ancient Iran

Dastur Dr. M. N. Dhala speaking on "Mazdak, the Communist of Ancient Iran" at the Sir C. J. Hall on Friday evening said, that it was Mazdak who was responsible for the spread of Zoroastrianism in Iran based on the principles of communism. He showed no distinction between the rich and the poor and preached to one and all that Zoroastrianism recognized no differences and preached the gospel of fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man.

Mr. M. R. Masani presiding said that the principles of Karl Marx should come into force and then only the difference between the rich and poor would be woped out of existence.



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Medical Men's Civic Duties

Dr. Jivraj Mehta At Sholapur Conference

SHOLAPUR, Dec. 15.

Inaugurating the Seventh Session of the Maharashtra and Karnatak Provincial Medical Conference, Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta said:—"The Maharashtra and Karnatak Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association has been known to be an active and energetic organisation in our Presidency it has been so for the only provincial organisation in existence.

"The Medical science is a progressive one, and unless one keeps in contact with the many-sided developments that are continuously taking place in the different sections or branches of Medicine, one soon feels out of touch. There are two essential things to keep a medical man up-to-date in his knowledge. One is sufficiently good library with a large number of medical journals, and a goodly number of the latest editions of medical books. Medical books and journals are too expensive for an average practitioner to order on his own to any appreciable extent. The advantages of organising ourselves into a society which can provide one with these facilities at a relatively little cost are thus evident. The other way in which we can widen the range of our knowledge and experience is by frequently holding clinical meetings in our respective towns or areas, and by holding annual or periodical scientific meeting where an opportunity is afforded of meeting a larger number of the leading members of the profession and thus an excellent opportunity of gaining knowledge and of solving the difficulties we come across in our private practice.

"I regret to have to note that the practice of holding frequent clinical meetings in the various towns where our branches exist has not yet developed to any appreciable extent. The difficulties of holding them are not insuperable. Unless a serious effort is made, we shall not show much progress in clinical work. At such meetings difficult or interesting cases could be demonstrated and discussed, besides holding discussions on scientific subjects. Where no branches exist, it should be the duty of the members of the profession to organise them as early as possible, not only in the interests of the colleagues immediately concerned, but also in the larger interest of the medical profession and of national public health.

"When I stress the importance and necessity of professional organisation, even for such an honourable calling as that of Medicine in its various branches, I think not only of the interests, problems, and concerns of individual members, whether practitioners, public servants, or scientific researches within the general profession or even of their services to humanity in general in regard to health, I think also of the contribution such an organisation can make to the general advancement of medical science and of the country as a whole.

FUNCTIONAL REPRESENTATION

The experience gained in the last generation or more, both in India and abroad, goes a long way to show that, if we desire to maintain the principle of democracy and individual freedom, and provide at the same time national efficiency in competition, we must think of reconditioning and recasting the democratic machine, so as to make it function more adequately and effectively to fit in with the changed conditions of our day. It is a matter therefore, for consideration whether it would be in the best interest of democratic control of national affairs if instead of the prevailing territorial organisation of national democracy some sort of professional organisation is utilised,—each trade occupation, or profession being unionised or organised internally on its own basis, and linked up inter se in the federal principle throughout the country; and whether such representation would help materially in solving the problem of free or liberal government. Given such organisation, members of the profession would cast their votes as citizens on every question of national policy coming before them to be voted upon with adequate knowledge, and proper appreciation of the complications involved. Their verdicts are thus likely to be given much more intelligently than under the present territorial system of central and provincial representation I am suggesting the substitution of the present system of territorial representation by functional representation of the people instead with a view to minimising the evils and abuses that take place under the present arrangement."

Students' Conference Concludes

BOMBAY, Friday.

The fifth annual conference of the Bombay Students Union concluded to-day with a debating competition and a cultural programme of folk-songs, dances and ballets.

Representatives from different Colleges participated and vigorously spoke for or contested the proposition for the debate that Congress-League unity was possible as well as necessary for the freedom of India.

The first, second and third prizes went to, Messrs. Bhave, Satyapal Dang and Suvarna respectively. The proposition was not put to vote and the panel of judges consisted of Mr. A. A. Peerbhoy, Prof. Pratapgiri and Prof. Wagh.

CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially open today but members did no business being "Viramgaum Day".

Gold & Silver

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 126/4 to Rs. 126/6 and 75,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 66/13 The local market opened steady but declined on general liquidation. Forward Silver after advancing to Rs 126/4 declined to Rs 125/4 and Spot Silver was quoted at Rs. 125/8 Gold also after advancing to Rs. 66/14 declined to Rs. 66/4 and ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 66/8.

Bombay Cotton

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

The local cotton market was entirely closed to-day being "Viramgaum Day".

Trading In Cotton

The market will remain closed on the 25th inst. and 1st January. The market will remain open from 1 p m to 3 p m on 26th and 27th inst.

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton March Contract is 521 cent points below New York March at exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

	High	Low	Close
ICC March	436/8	430	430/12
ICC May	445	439	440
Karachi Mar.	44/3/6	43/10	43/12/9

HAPUR QUOTATIONS.

HAPUR, Dec. 15.

Wheat 10, Dara 9/13, Gram 6/10, Barley 5, Peas 5, Arhar 6/12, Bajar 4/4, Stock Wheat 460, Gram 51, Barley 156, Peas 146, Arhar 130, Bajar 31, Kakhthes Maize 5/8, Juwar 5, Bajra 6, Groundnut 5/8, Rapeseed 12, Gur 7/4 to 7/12, Arrivals 4,000 Mds. Raw Sugar 8/4, Mah. 6/9/8. Steady on speculative purchases Bardana Chet 52/4, Silver 128/1, Gold 67. Bullion firm.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.

CALICUT, Dec. 15.

Cocoanuts Raw 76, Dry 78, Cocoanut Oil 340, Copra Ofmos 202/8 Lilpasand 212/8, Madrasnotiam 230, Good Goods 230, Pepper Wynsad 360, Country 333, Dry Ginger Chernad 210, Ernad 190, Cofee Robusta 101.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR.

MADRAS, Dec. 15.

Deccan 37/8, Do. 9/, Indian Sugar 34, Mysore Sugar 61, South India 16/2, Cochin Malbar 17/4, Chembra Peaks 11, Fringiotas 1/4, High Produce 34/10, Kaipettas 42, Kalasa 15/3, Malankara 85, Ouchterlony 12/8, Thirumbadi 4/10, Pullangode 3/1/6 Valkundam 22, Vellamali 30, Veiliam 31/8, B. and C. Ordy 325, Balasubramania 116, Cambodia 32/12, Coimbatore Spg. 164, Dhanalaxmi 410/8, Mettur 272, Vasantha 312, Cement 119/8, Hind Trust 23/8, Ind. St. Roll 8/8, Madras Safe 58, Mettur Chem. 16/8, Do. Def. 6/2, Singareni 23, Spencer 14/12.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

LONDON, Dec. 14.

	This week.
Total bullion	2,247,000
Public deposits	9,500,000
(A) Other deposits	232,500,000
Government securities	217,500,000
(B) Other securities	14,200,000
Notes, gold and Silver coin	20,500,000
Notes in circulation	1,236,700,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	10.96 p c
(A) Other deposits include bankers	181,000,000
Other securities include discounts and advances	1,400,000
Total deposits	242,000,000
Total securities	231,300,000

SPANISH DEMAND FOR AMERICAN COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

Prices eased in sympathy with grains attributable to overnight publication of Mr. Wickard's proposed two-price wheat scheme and persistent talk of the possibilities of eventual changes in Government cotton policies with continued evening up in December before its expiration to-morrow. Eight notices were issued to-day. Reported Spanish enquiries for approximately 50,000 bales February shipment. The market closed barely steady.

December opened at 21.89 and declined to 21.76. The session closed at a net decline of 7 to 23 points. Spot cotton prices lost 11 points at 22.10c per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

December	21.79—07
January	21.77—07
March	21.84—10
May	21.79—10
July	21.41—12
October	20.41—23
Dec Highest (10 a m)	21.89+03
Dec. Lowest (12-36 p m)	21.76—10
Middling Spot	22.20—11

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

December 21.69—06	March 21.89—04
Middling Spot	21.35—05

NOON CALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

December 21.82 March 21.90 May 21.82

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, Dec. 14.

T. T. London on :—

New York sellers 4.02-1/2 buyers 4.03-1/2 Madrid official 44.00 Montreal sellers 4.48 buyers 4.47 Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4 Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 14.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	73
Consols 2-1/2 p c	81-5/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106
War Loan 3-1/2 p c	104
Funding loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-5/8
Victory bonds 4 p c	11-3/4
Chartered Bank of I A & China	10-13/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg).	84
National Bank of India	42-3/4

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

LONDON Banks buying 90 Days/at 1/8 1/4 1 and 2 months.

LONDON Banks buying 90 Days/at 1/8 9/32 3 to 6 months.

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LDN/NEW YORK:

Bank sell T T Rs. 332 3/4 DD Rs. 332 3/4

Bank buy T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks sell T T Rs. 302 1/2 DD Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buy T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 1/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull

Reserve Bank Rate 2 p c Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

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POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS.

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 8th December:—

Demand Liabilities in India Rs. 611,50,50,000; Time Liabilities in India Rs. 203,44,08,000; Cash in India: (i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes Rs. 25,21,79,000; (ii) Rupee Coin Rs. 1,90,53,000; (iii) Subsidiary Coin Rs 53,17,000; Balances with Reserve Bank Rs 88,94,12,000; Advances in India Rs. 215,86,93,000; Bills discounted in India Rs. 12,06,81,000.

LONDON WHEAT

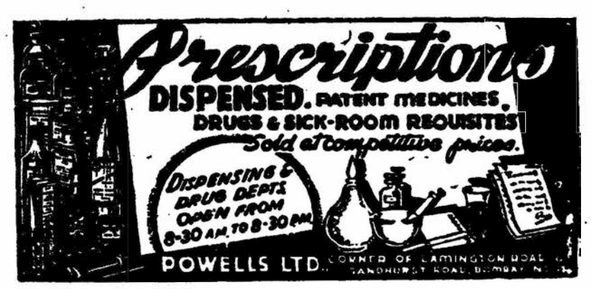
LONDON, Dec. 14

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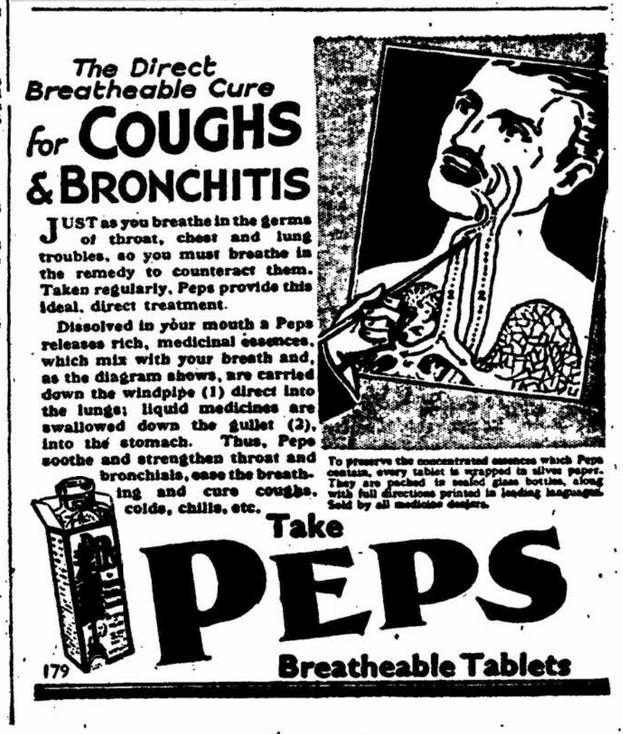
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Wanted Tutor for Logic, thrice weekly. State Lowest Terms. Apply Box No. 6829, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted a Lady Doctor as Working Partner for a dispensary at Thakurdwar Road. Communicate Box No. 6830, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted an intelligent honours Graduate with personality in the grade Rs. 100-20-200 E.B.—20-250 plus dearness allowance. Those with previous experience may be started higher Apply personally Bakubhai Ambalal & Co., 27-Bastion Road Fort, Bombay, between 5 and 6 p.m. any week day. 6826

Wanted—Supervisor, having cooking experience for Hill Station Hotel. Apply No. 6805, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted energetic smart young Matriculates under 25 years of age to be trained as our future shop managers. For terms and conditions apply to the main Bata Shop in your town or directly to the Sales Personnel Manager, Bata Shop Co., Ltd., Batanagar. 1404

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Wanted immediately qualified and experienced Stenographers. Posts temporary, but may last for duration of war. Pay Rs. 90 p.m. in the scale of Rs. 90-5-150 plus dearness allowance Rs. 18 and house rent allowance Rs. 9 if admissible. Preference will be given to suitable Muslim and Scheduled caste candidates. Apply in person with application, testimonials, etc., to the Administrative Officer Information Films of India, 74-24, Tardeo Road, Bombay 7. 1405

Experienced Accountant, knowing Gujrati, English Accounts preference to Commercial Academic qualifications. Apply stating age, references, remunerations expected, etc., Box No. 6808, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted an Assistant Secretary for the Bombay S. P. C. A. and an Accounts Clerk for the Veterinary Hospital Parel. Apply with testimonials and details of qualifications, experience, etc., to Box No. 6810, "Bombay Chronicle".

A First Class Scheduled Bank requires a Manager of sufficient banking experience, long standing with good references. Apply Box No. 6789, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted Salesmen to book orders in the city of Bombay and Suburbs for Sulpho-Sandalol (Specific for chronic skin diseases) Arnicol (a Hair Grower), Pinofax (Throat Pastilles). Men experienced in the line need apply: Mangalore-Bombay Trading Agencies, 374, Lamington Road, Bombay 7. 6818

Wanted Graduate or Undergraduate Teachers for French, Mathematics, Gujarati History, immediately. Trained preferred. Apply sharp to Principal, Nahalchand Lalluchand High School, Malad. 6937

Wanted Sales Girl for General Stores Shop, knowledge of English and Marathi essential. Apply Chouhan Stores, opposite Plaza Cinema, Dadar, Bombay. 6828

Applications (handwritten), with certificate copies, invited for Experienced, Educated Trustworthy Branch Managers, knowing Accounts, Salesmanship—for North India for National Soap Concern; also for Young Salesmen. Box No. 1409, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted—Clerks, qualifications at least Matriculate or an equivalent standard. Scale of Pay Rs. 60-5-100 plus usual Dearness Allowance. Apply personally with applications in own handwriting to the Manager, Canteen Stores Department, Area Depot Bombay Cotton Mills' Estate, Chinchpokli Road, Kalachowki Bombay. 1382

Wanted a Mechanical and Electrical Engineer to work as an Assistant Engineer on Turbine and Electrical Plant. Only persons with long experience and capable of working independently should apply with full particulars and pay required to: The Ahmedabad Jupiter Spg., Wvg. and Mfg. Co. Ltd., P. O. Box No. 43, Ahmedabad. (1364)

SOCIAL

Friendless? Lonely? We introduce ladies, gentlemen, pen personal friends (Ladies enrolled free). Prospectus from: Aesthetic Society, Post Box 5531, Bombay 6740

PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE

No. CX-20634-P14

THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER invites tenders to reach his Office at Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on or before 4th January 1945, on forms (not transferable) obtainable from his Office (Section AD.V-Cash) at Rs. 10|- (not refundable) per set to be paid in Cash or by Money Order or Indian Postal Order (quoting Tender number, full name and address of the remitter) for BRACES COTTON—

33"—5,87,500 PAIRS.
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2. Applicants not already on approved list of the Office of the Textile Commissioner must give their Banker's reference with the application for a Tender form.

3. Tenders are required to be kept open for acceptance upto the 22nd January, 1945. They will be opened at 11 A.M. on the 5th January 1945. 1383

NURSES & SISTERS

Qualified Nurses and Midwives available day and night. Asiatic Nursing Service Phone No. 43023. (6798)

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ACCOMMODATIONS WANTED

Wanted a double room apartment between Bandra and Andheri. Finder will be rewarded. Apply Box No. 6827, "Bombay Chronicle".

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Garages, Sheds 40'x40' for Godowns or for Factories with electricity along 1000 sq. yds. open space, situated at Lady Jamshedji Rd., near City Light and at Parbhadevi are to let. Phone 60017 Sion Petrol Depot. 6795

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Shorthand Tuition almost Free. Students residing Museum vicinity. Apply Box No. 6804, "Bombay Chronicle."

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

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Wanted Agents to sell Sago Starch for Weaving Mills. Apply: John Paul, Y. M. C. A. Road, Calicut, Malabar. 6811

AGENCIES WANTED

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First Class Hotel For Sale at Matheran as going concern. Suitable also for large Sanatorium, complete with buildings, furniture and goodwill. For particulars etc. Apply Box No. 6831, "Bombay Chronicle".

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MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Require Motor-Cycle with side car; See Sequeira, above Goldfilled Leather Works, Prarthna Samaj. 6839

Wanted on rent a 2,000 to 10,000 square feet compound with at least 500 square feet temporary shed, preferably in Mazagaon, Wadi Bunder, Reay Road, Cotton Green or Sewri area. Commission will be paid to broker. Please write to The Punjab Oil Mills, Shed No. 2, Noor Baug, Bombay 9. 6753

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale two Duplicators Gestetner Rs 400, Roneo Rs. 250. An Ac/Dc Record Player Rs. 250. An Allwave Ac/Dc 250v., and Batter Radio Rs. 425 Communicate Box No. 6807, "Bombay Chronicle".

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTIFICATION

APPLICATIONS for recruitment in the Kolhapur Judicial Service for a post of Second Class Sub Judge in the grade of Rs. 150-15|2-210 E.B. 225-15|2-300 are invited.

Applications should reach the U|S not later than 5th January 1945.

Applicants are to give full information as to their age, caste, domicile, educational and professional attainments etc., and are to furnish copies of their testimonials, academic and otherwise.

Candidates if called upon for interview are to pay their own expenses and should be in possession of the original testimonials of which copies are furnished.

No one need apply for the post who is not an LL.B. or an Advocate of the Bombay Bar Council with a minimum experience of five years at the Bar or is over 35 years of age.

Candidates possessing special academic and other qualifications may be given higher starting pay in the scale.

G. B. DESHMUKH,
Judicial Minister,
Kolhapur State.
1407

THE PATIALA CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Patiala State). (The Liability of the Members is Limited).

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have resolved to declare an Interim Dividend for the Half-Year ended 30th September, 1944, at the rate of Rs. 3|- per Share (Free of Income Tax). The said Dividend will be payable at the Registered Office of the Company at Surajpur, Patiala State, on and after MONDAY, the 15th January, 1945, to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company on TUESDAY, the 9th January, 1945.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 2nd January to TUESDAY, the 9th January, 1945, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.
For The Patiala Cement Co., Ltd.,
Cement Agencies. Ltd.,
Managing Agents,
J. H. PATEL.
Managing Director
Bombay, 4th December, 1944. (1400)

ORDER

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 13th December, 1944.

No. 57(x)|-IV-B.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, and in partial modification of Government orders in Finance Department (Supply) Notification No. 57 (x)|43613-IV, dated the 21st January 1944, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that during the two weeks commencing respectively on the 24th and 31st days of December, 1944, the prohibition contained in the above notification shall, instead of applying on Monday, apply on Tuesday.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government
(1397)

NOTICE

CINEMA PROJECTOR FOR SALE PORTABLE CINEMA MACHINE, containing 2 Projectors, 1 Amplifier (2 A 3 Push Pull arrangement capacity 15 Watts) Universal U.S.A. Make with 1 converter 1 A.C. 110 Volt 115 Watts Motor and 1 Transformer 1.8 K.V.A. The Machine is open for inspection. Apply to the Controller of the Household, Dhrangadhra State, Dhrangadhra. 1324

LOST

Policy No. 161980/W dated 1st May 1939 for Rs. 2,000 (Rupees Two Thousand) granted by the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited, on the life of Chandulal Bapuji Trivedi which Policy has subsequently been converted into a Paid-up Assurance of Rs. 1,666 with a total reversionary bonus of Rs. 828 attaching thereto. Will any person having information regarding the above, kindly communicate with the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited P. O. Box 68 Lucknow. 1306

NOTICE

ALL PARTIES CONCERNED ARE HEREBY INFORMED that Mr. JAL H. INDOREVALA has left our clients' employ as from the 5th December, 1944. Anybody dealing with him on and from that date will do so at his own risk.

(Sd.) Messrs PATELL & EZEKIEL
Attorneys for
S. MUNCHERJI NANABHOY.
Ship Wrights
1275

NOTICE.

WANTED for large R.C.C. Construction work in Bihar qualified and experienced Civil Engineers and Overseers for active field work. Candidates should hold a degree in Civil Engineering of a recognised University or the C. E Diploma of Thomason Civil Engineering College, Roorkee. Applications from candidates with first class qualifications but limited experience will also be considered Permanent employment. Salary according to qualifications and experience. Apply with certificates and testimonials and stating salary expected to Box No. 818, "Bombay Chronicle."

PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICIAL TRUSTEE, BOMBAY

THE OFFICIAL TRUSTEE Bombay acts as Trustee of Trust Deeds or Settlements, as Sole Executor and Trustee under Wills, as Trustee in place of a Trustee or trustees desirous of retiring, of the share or legacy of a minor or a lunatic, as trustee of the funds of charitable and philanthropic associations and caste institutions, of provident funds and funds of insurance companies, and of endowment funds for awarding scholarships to students.

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LEO RODRIGUES,
Official Trustee, Bombay
High Court Extension, Fort
Bombay. (1393)

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA, Bombay, the 15th November, 1944

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Principal Register and the Branch Registers of the Imperial Bank of India will be CLOSED for transfer of shares from Tuesday, the 2nd January 1945, to Tuesday, the 16th January 1945, both days inclusive.

A. R. CHISHOLM,
Dy. Managing Director
(1402)

WANTED.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from responsible persons having qualifications of an Honours degree or double graduates, having wide experience of business and salesmanship especially in vegetable and fruits, to supervise the purchase, weighment, packing and despatching of vegetables at Surat. Pay Rs. 250-20-350 per month plus dearness allowance Applications should be forwarded with copies of credentials to the Controller of Government Grain Shops, Council Hall, Bombay. 1410

NOTICE

WANTED STENOGRAPHERS speed shorthand 120, Typewriting 40, pay 90 plus allowances 27 deserving candidates started on higher pay in scale 90-5-160. Apply in person with application and testimonials to office of the Controller General of Civil Supplies, Dhobi Talao, on Monday, the 18th December at 3 P.M. 1394

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, (DISPOSALS)
STRAND HOUSE, GRAHAM ROAD, BALLARD ESTATE, BOMBAY.

A PUBLIC AUCTION SALE will be held at Salvage Sub Depot, Ghorpuri (Poona), for the disposal of miscellaneous general stores, Ferrous scrap on 21-12-1944 commencing at 11 A.M. List of materials available for disposal may be obtained either from the Government Auctioneer, Messrs. Nursewanji Sorabji & Co., 94, Main Street, Poona, or the Controller of Supplies (Disposals), Bombay.

Conditions governing the auction will be announced by the Government Auctioneer prior to the Auction.

14th December, 1944. 1403

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

MARINE ENGINEERS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for 3 Temporary posts of Marine Engineers for the duration of the war.

Applicants must be in possession of a First Class Certificate of Competency issued under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 ("Colonial Certificate of Competency") or a First Class Certificate of Competency issued under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 ("Board of Trade Certificate"). Applicants having suitable experience in Dredging and or Electrical Engineering will be given preference.

The pay of the post is Rs. 350-20-450 plus War Allowance at 10% of pay. The selected candidates will be on probation for a period of 6 months and if found satisfactory after that will be retained in service for the duration of the war. The selected candidates will be required to produce a certificate of physical fitness from the Chief Medical Officer, Bombay Port Trust. The post is subject to the usual leave and Provident Fund Rules for temporary employees of the Bombay Port Trust as amended from time to time.

Applications giving age and full particulars of qualifications must reach this office not later than Saturday 6th January 1945 and should be addressed to the undersigned only and endorsed "Appointment of Marine Engineers."

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the Members of the Board of Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

G. E. TERREY,
M.Inst. C.E.,
Chief Engineer.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. 1395

PUBLIC NOTICES

G.I.P. RAILWAY—TENDERS.

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of Old and Unserviceable Stores Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay No. 13, at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 28-12-1944 at 3 P. M. (N.S.T.). (1398)

NOTICE

WANTED a fast and accurate Stenographer. Apply stating qualifications, age, nationality, experience and minimum salary required inclusive of all allowances, to Box No. 1403, "Bombay Chronicle."

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF THE SUBORDINATE JUDGE, MYSORE

O. S. No. 29 of 44-45

S. Rama Rao Vs. Sree Chokkamma; 2. S. N. Ramaswamy and 3. S. N. Varadaraja Iyengar. Date of hearing 19-12-44.

The plaintiff Mr S. Rama Rao has filed the above suit for the specific performance of a contract of sale entered into by the defendants on 21-10-1941 and for damages in the alternative.

The above case is posted to 19-12-44 for fresh summons to the second defendant Mr. S. N. Ramaswamy. He is liable to be treated ex parte in the event of his absence.

Dated, Mysore 1-12-44.
C. NAGAPPA,
Adv. for Plaintiff.
6832

NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Bai TARAMANI, wife of Amilal Sunderji has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property of whatsoever nature are hereby required to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within 14 days, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

Piece of Leasehold land with the dwelling houses standing thereon, situate at Alexandra Road being Plot No. 114 of the Gamdevi Estate of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay, admeasuring 672 square yards and registered under New Survey No. 7335 and Cadastral Survey No. 510 of Malbar and Cumballa Hill Division and assessed under D Ward No. 2883 (10C), Street No. 21, Alexandra Road and bounded on the North-East by Alexandra Road, on the South-East by Plot Nos. 113A and B of the said Estate, on the South-West by a service passage and on the North-West by Plot No. 115 of the said Estate.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1944.

GAGRAT & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

Address:—
Alli Chambers,
Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.
1401

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